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OH!GREAT
PARENTAL ADVISORY
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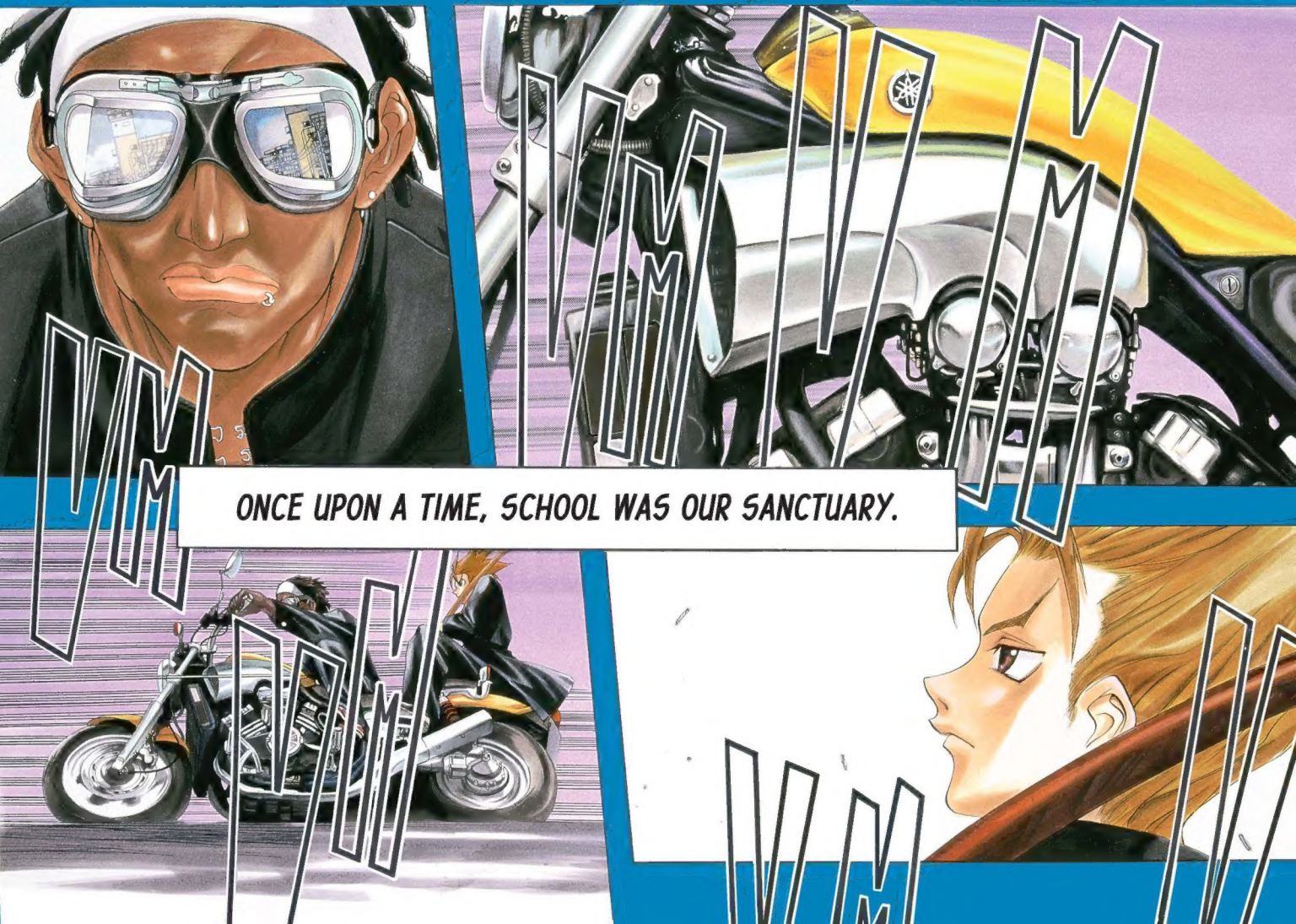
AYA NATSUME
OH!GREAT


VMMMM
ONCE UPON A TIME, SCHOOL WAS OUR SANCTUARY.
VMMM
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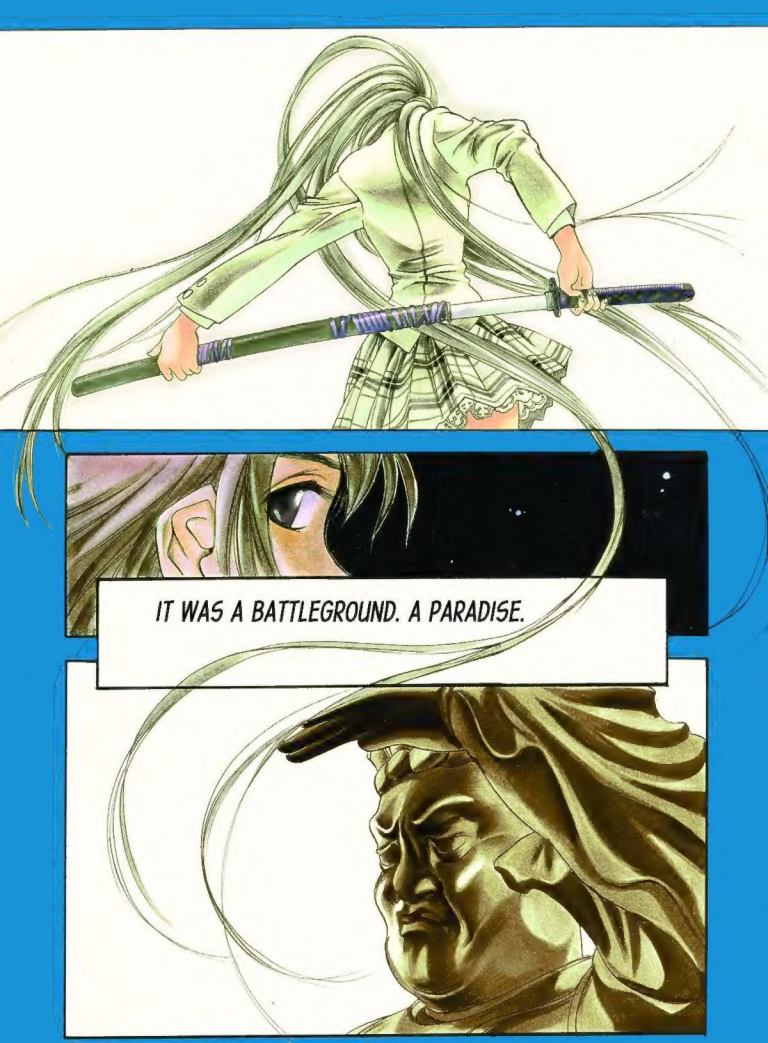
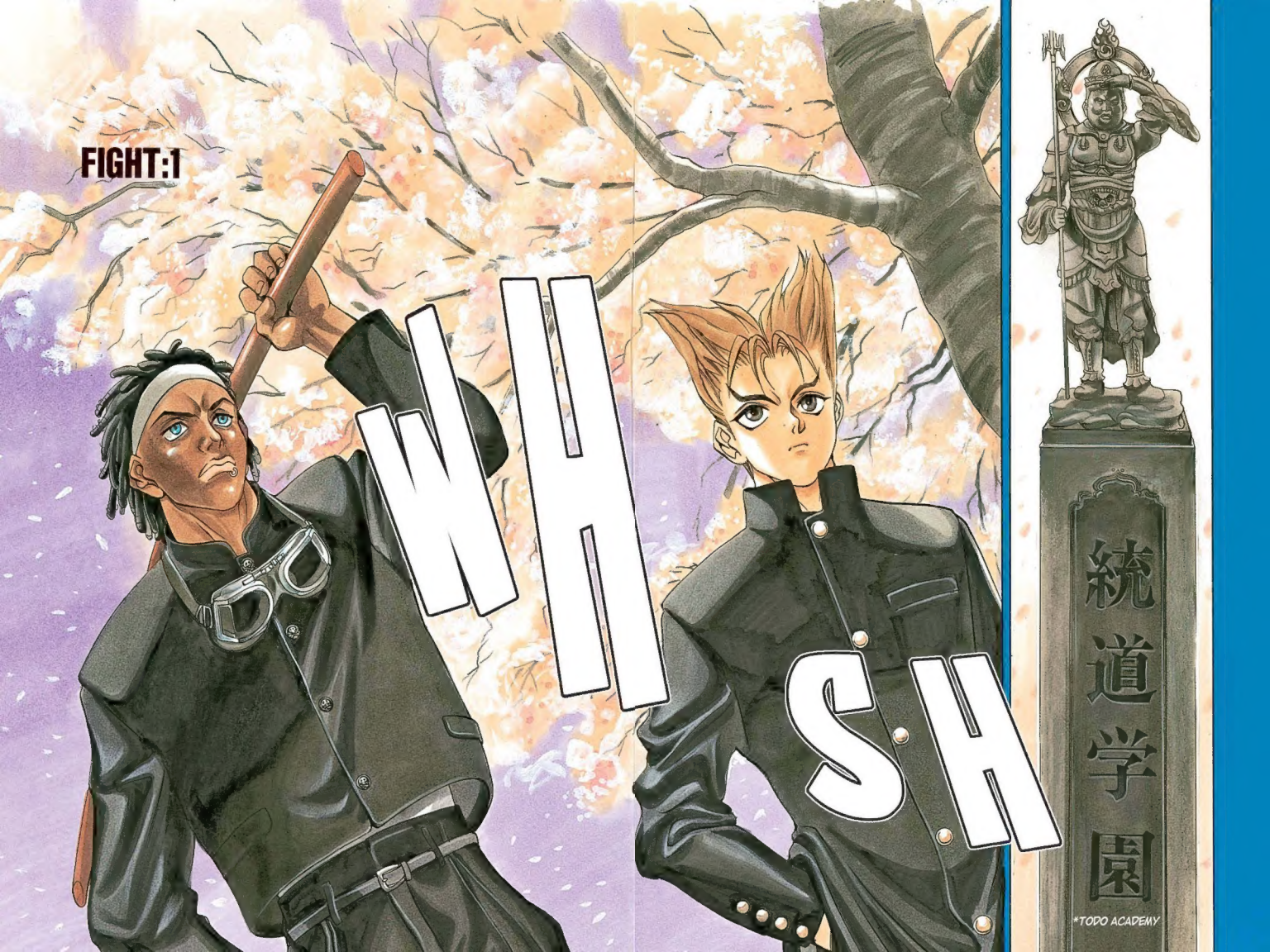

IT WAS A BATTLEGROUND. A PARADISE.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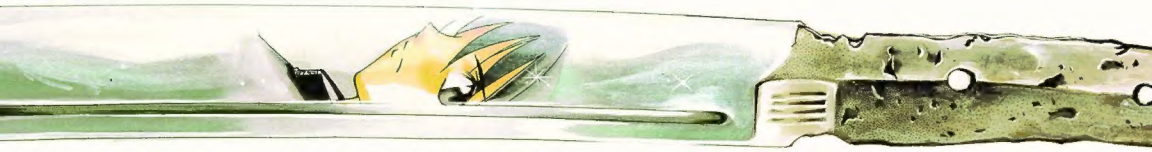
WHISH
統道学園
*TODO ACADEMY



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HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
CLANG
CLANG
HUFF
CLANG
CLANG
HUFF
!!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAI—
CAPTAIN!
YOU'RE LATE, TAKA-YANAGI!
SO— KOFF KOFF! SORRY... HOMEROOM ...
...W-WENT ON FOREVER...

*SENPAI=SENIOR CLUB OR CLASS MEMBER

SNK
SHI IIING

...
IT FELT LIKE A BOLT OF ELECTRICITY HAD RIPPED THROUGH ALL THE SYNAPSES IN MY BRAIN.

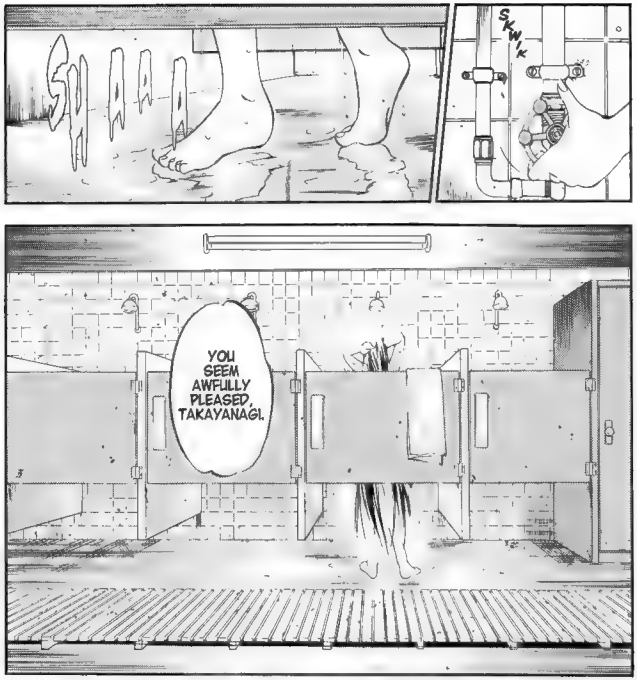
AS IF ALL MY NERVES WERE RAW, TINGLING WITH A CHILL THAT SCRAPED ACROSS MY BODY.

AT THAT MOMENT...
...TIME STOPPED DEAD FOR ME.
AN AURA OF OVERWHELMING POWER THAT MADE MY HEART FEEL LIKE IT WAS BEING CRUSHED IN MY CHEST.
SHK
IN...
...CREDI-BLE...
AND I COULDN'T LOOK AWAY...
...FROM HER EYES.

KRAK
WHRAAK
WOAPK

WHOK
KRASH
Y-YOU LITTLE PUNKS! YOU'RE JUST A COUPLA FIRST YEARS!
YOU GOT ANY IDEA WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW? HAH?!
TOK
YEAH, THE THIRD YEARS' CLASS-ROOM.
SO?
I'M SOICHIRO NAGI.
BOB MAKI-HARA.

STARTING TODAY...
...THIS SCHOOL IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE KNUCKLE BOMBS. THAT'S US.
ZAAAN
FIRST YEARS, THIRD YEARS—DOESN'T MATTER.
ANYONE WHO'S GOTTA PROBLEM WITH THAT, STEP RIGHT UP.
YOU'RE ALL GOIN' DOWN.


SQUAD
SKWIT
YOU SEEM AWFULLY PLEASED, TAKAYANAGI.
THE JUKEN CLUB...
...IS SEEN AS ONE OF THE WEAKEST MARTIAL ARTS CLUBS ON CAMPUS.
NO, IT'S JUST... HA HA...
WHEN YOU'RE EXCITED IT SHOWS TOO EASILY ON YOUR FACE.
YOU'D BETTER WORK ON THAT.

BUT NOW WE FINALLY HAVE FIVE MEMBERS.
OF COURSE I'M GOING TO BE HAPPY THAT WE HAVE MORE STRONG MEMBERS.
AND IT'LL ALSO HELP US IN ACHIEVING OUR GOAL...
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR CLUB PRACTICE, MISS NATSUME, BUT...
...COULD YOU COME WITH US?
THEY'RE JUST TOO MUCH FOR US TO HANDLE!
I'M SERIOUS! THAT REALLY IS THE REASON!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO TELL YOURSELF, FINE.
UH-HUH.
!
WHAT IS IT?
C'MON THIS WAY.
GOOD, SHE'S HERE.
TAKA-YANAGI'S WITH HER TOO.

KRACK
SHAAH!
KILL 'EM!
GUH!
HRAA!
WHUD
WHUMP
DIE! DIE! DIE!
AHH.
NNGH ...
HAH!
GHH!
HAM

POW
TMP
HMM... LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT SOME LIVE ONES HERE.
WOW, THOSE TWO DID ALL THIS?
OH, IT'S MISS NATSUME ...
WOAH!
PITTER
'SCUSE ME, COMING THROUGH.
PATTER
OKAY, SONNY, YOU'RE STRONG. WE GET THE MESSAGE ALREADY.
SO PUT THOSE FISTS AWAY.
OTHERWISE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO UP AGAINST ME NEXT.

AND JUST FOR THE RECORD...
...I'M PRETTY STRONG MYSELF.
SOME WEIRD LITTLE GRADE-SCHOOL GIRL WHO TALKS LIKE AN OLD MAN'S ASKING FOR A FIGHT.
BOB.
WHAT DO I DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?
SWAP
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I'M 17 YEARS OLD!
NO CLUE.
FINE.
SWSSH
IF THE WAY I LOOK IS A PROBLEM, THEN...
...I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU.
WOOSH

RENKIKO TANKA SEISHINGI HAN-SATSU.
MAN-BUTSU MYO FUSHIN TENDO TEIRITSU.
AWW, YEAH! HERE IT COMES!
MAN, I BEEN WAITIN' FOR THIS!
CLAP
NNGH!
?!!
BOOM
BOIOIOING
SHOCK
MMPH
VWEEEEE
HAAH!
VAVOOM
AND...
...DONE!
KYAAK
UHHH.
PHEW!
NOW, THEN.

MAYA NATSUME, THIRD YEAR AT TODO ACADEMY AND MASTER OF THE NATSUME GOSHINRYU STYLE...
...HAS ARRIVED!

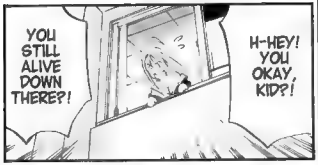
Whoosh
Ugh!
NO CLUE!
WHEN THAT SAME LITTLE GIRL TRANSFORMS INTO STACKED CHICK DRESSED LIKE A HOOKER, THEN WHAT DO I DO?
BOB.
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
Uhh...
WHEN YOU'RE AS SKILLED AS I AM, IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE TO PULL OFF A PHYSICAL TRANSFORMATION LIKE THIS.
BADA BOOM
NATSUME STYLE KI MOLDING TECHNIQUE #23.
THE KARAOKE PARTY TO WELCOME OUR CLUB'S NEW MEMBER IS STARTING SOON.
SWISH
SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO WRAP THIS UP QUICK.

ZWISH
FWAP

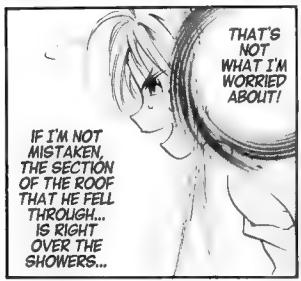
RUB
BLAH
KRI

TIME OUT FOR A SEC.
WHISH
WHOOSH
UPAH!

BOOM
UM... OH, DAMN.
GUESS I MIS-JUDGED HIS STRENGTH.
I didn't mean to hit him that hard
Holy!
WHOA!


YOU STILL ALIVE DOWN THERE?!
H-HEY! YOU OKAY, KID?!

GAH!!
CRMBL
CRMBL

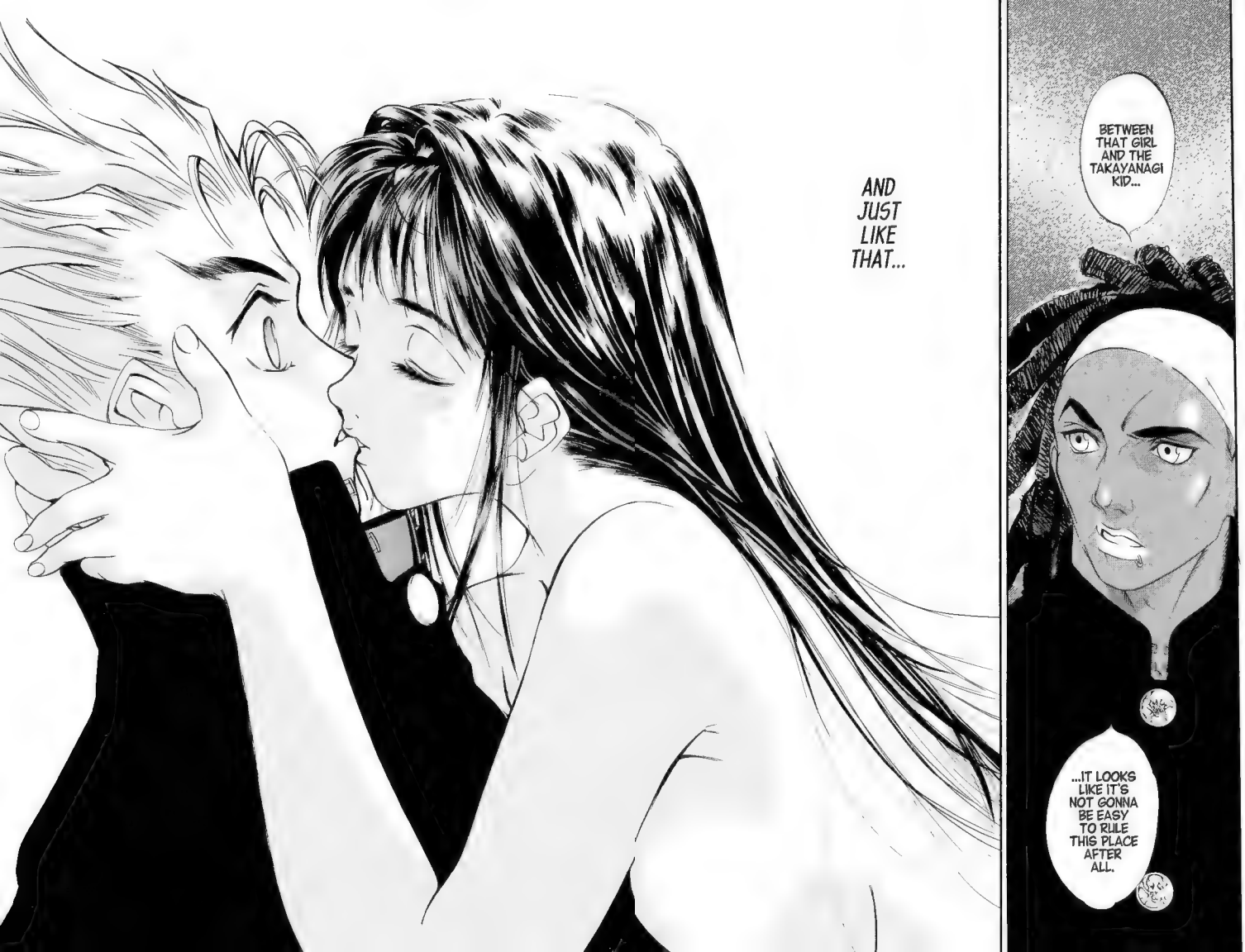

IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THE SECTION OF THE ROOF THAT HE FELL THROUGH... IS RIGHT OVER THE SHOWERS...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT!

A FALL FROM THIS HEIGHT AIN'T GONNA KILL HIM. HE AIN'T THAT WEAK.
!!
NO WORRIES.

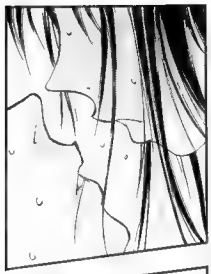
UHH ...
OW... OW OW.
FUCK, THAT HURT!
GRMBL
SHIT. HOW DID THAT GIRL SUDDENLY ...
...!
SQUISH
"SQUISH" ?
...

...AH...
...UH...

VWRL
STAY PUT, TAKA-YANAGI!
SHOOP
YOU TAKE CARE OF THAT FOREIGNER BEHIND YOU!!
TAP
CAPTAIN!
HYOO
AYA!!
AYA'S IN THE SHOWER RIGHT NOW!
DASH
HMPH ...


AND JUST LIKE THAT...
BETWEEN THAT GIRL AND THE TAKAYANAGI KID...
...IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S NOT GONNA BE EASY TO RULE THIS PLACE AFTER ALL.

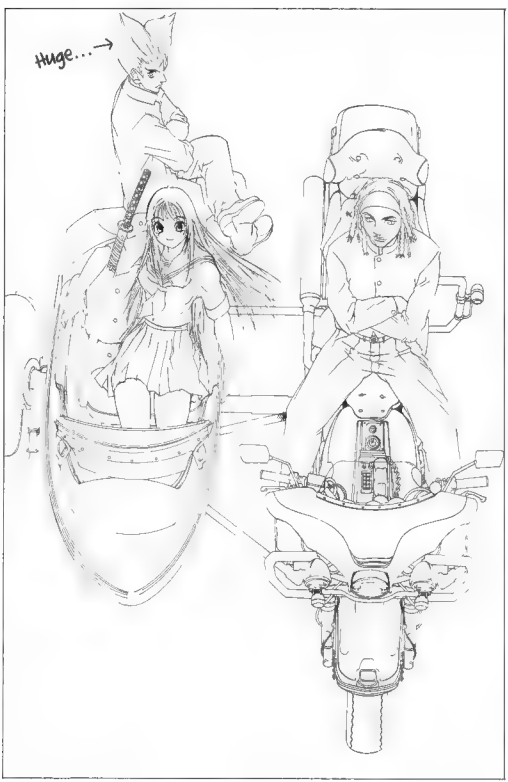
DANG IT...
WE'RE TOO LATE.
...THESE TWO HOODLUMS SHOWED UP OUT OF NOWHERE...
...AND STOMPED ONTO OUR HOLY GROUND...ONTO MY HEART... WITHOUT EVEN THE COURTESY OF REMOVING THEIR SHOES.



WHAAA ...?!
?
?

SHAAA
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
SPLISH

MY NAME IS AYA NATSUME.
I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
BEFORE LONG, I WOULD BE HOPELESSLY MIXED UP WITH THESE TWO IN SCHOOL...
WOULD YOU...
...MARRY ME?
...AND COUNTLESS BATTLES WOULD ENSUE.
HUH?
SPRING WAS AT ITS VERY PEAK...
SIGH
...WHEN OUR STORY BEGAN.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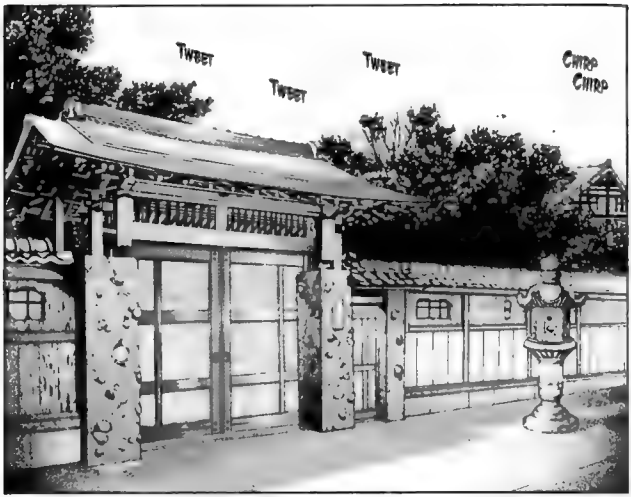


ON SIGN: NATSUME

ON SCROLL: TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS WILL DESTROY THY SELF.

ZS
H
...
BAM
HAH !!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

GRAK!
YANK!
SKEE
WHAT'RE YOU SPACING OUT FOR?
YOU BETTER KEEP YOUR MIND ON THE FIGHT!
YWWP
KYAH!
WH
B
AM!
JIGGLE
I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU WHERE YOUR HEAD IS.
BY THE WAY, AYA.
OW... OWIE...
YOU'RE ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS TOO EARLY TO THINK YOU CAN THROW ME.

...!!
HOW MEAN! I MAY NOT BE AS SKILLED AS YOU, BUT THAT DOESN'T—
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT SPARRING!
"THE WOMEN OF THE NATSUME FAMILY SHALL DEVOTE THEIR LIVES TO WHOMEVER THEY CONSENT THEIR FLESH TO."
THAT FAMILY PRECEPT IS CENTURIES OLD AND COMPLETELY DECREPIT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW IT, YOU KNOW.
BUT I HEARD THAT THAT'S HOW MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER CAME TO BE MARRIED.
Up we go.
AYA!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, I'LL BE FINE.
AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH... UMM...
THAT'S REALLY NOT THE ISSUE...

THE MOMENT I SAW THAT BOY...
...MY HEART FELT LIKE IT SUDDENLY WENT TIGHT... AND AN ELECTRIC SHOCK RAN THROUGH MY BODY...
I THOUGHT, "THIS IS IT!"
AND WHAT EXACTLY IS "IT"?
UMM... YOU SEE...
HEE HEE!
I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW HOW TO PUT IT...
OH, WELL!
THIS MUST BE...
...WHAT THEY CALL FATE.
I GUESS!

FATE IS ALWAYS SO CRUEL...
DING DONG
ONE MONTH AFTER THAT DAY, THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WERE DRIFTING DOWN...
...AND THE IRISES AROUND THE SCHOOL POND WERE IN FULL BLOOM.
MA'AM, COULD I GET AN EGG IN MY TEMPURA NOODLE SOUP?
COMIN' RIGHT UP.
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
...DOES THAT MEAN THIS MONOTONOUS, BORING, EVERYDAY GRIND...
TWITCH
IF IT'S FATE THAT MY LOVE WILL REMAIN UNREQUITED AS OF THAT DAY...
...IS ALSO MY FATE?!

THONK
BWAH ?!

WHEW
POI
NG
Ooooh!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
GRRR!
WSSH
!!
Gasp!
ZWOOP
SO-ICHIRO-SAMA*!!
*SAMA=HONORIFIC TERM
CRASH
DROP

Just look at these delicious octopus-shaped sausages!
EVEN IF I HAVE TO SHOVE IT DOWN YOUR THROAT!!
SOICHIRO-SAMA! TODAY WILL BE THE DAY YOU EAT THE BOXED LUNCH THAT YOUR DEVOTED WIFE HAS PREPARED FOR YOU!
ZHP ZHP ZHP ZHP ZHP ZHP ZHP ZHP
I TOLD YOU ALREADY! I'LL DIE BEFORE I EAT THAT SHIT!!
Who ever said you were my devoted wife?!
EVERY SINGLE DAY, IT'S THE SAME DAMN THING WITH YOU!
Lay off!
Soichiro-sama!
TM TM TM TM TM
WHAT... THE HELL WAS THAT...?
...
STAB STAB STAB STAB STAB STAB
YES IT WOULD!
HOW ?!
IT JUST WOULD !!
NOT THAT AGAIN! IT WOULDN'T KILL YOU JUST TO GIVE IT A TASTE.
Now open wide!
YUP YUP
Whoa, slow down!

ZAA
SORRY ABOUT THAT, MA'AM. I'LL CLEAN IT UP.
MAY I HAVE ANOTHER BOWL IN THE MEANTIME?
OH, YOU POOR DEAR.

SORRY, SENPAI.
I'LL COVER IT.

HE'S STILL CHERRY, SO HE GETS SHY.
I KNOW YOU WANNA BE TOUGH, BUT CUT HIM SOME SLACK, YEAH?
HE GOT UP RIGHT BEHIND ME AND I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE...
KEEP IT!
IF YOU WANT TO DO ME A FAVOR, TELL YOUR FRIEND TO GIVE AYA'S BOXED LUNCH A CHANCE.
SHF SHF SHF SHF SHF SHF SHF
IF YOU'VE GOT SOME-THING TO SAY...
...THEN SPIT IT OUT ALREADY.
I'D LIKE TO ACTUALLY EAT MY LUNCH.
KATA

QUES-
TION.
HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THIS SCHOOL ARE STRONGER THAN YOU?
AND WHAT'RE THEIR NAMES?
JINGLE

CHING
AM I WRONG?
KATTA
KATTA

SLURP
!!

GRRR
I'M GUESSIN' THAT LITTLE GIRL IS ONE OF 'EM, BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE SHE'S THE STRONGEST OF ALL.
THIS IS JUST A HUNCH, BUT...
...I GET THE FEELING THIS SCHOOL'S CRAWLING WITH SOME INCREDIBLE MONSTERS.

EVEN IF I TOLD YOU...
KLAK
...WHAT WOULD YOU DO ABOUT IT?
FIGHT 'EM.
WHAT ELSE?
!
NAGI!!
JUST SO YOU KNOW, NOBODY HERE CARES ABOUT "RULING" THE SCHOOL.
BUT PUNKS LIKE YOU DON'T NEED A REASON TO FIGHT.
ACTUALLY, SHE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME.
DID YOU LOSE THAT GIRL?

OH, WE'VE GOT A REASON, FOOL.
THERE'S NO BETTER REASON...
...THAN THE THRILL OF TAKIN' ON SOMEONE STRONG.
AND DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME.
ZA N

SPEAKING OF WHICH...
I STILL OWE YOU...
...FOR THE OTHER DAY.
...THAT I'D BEEN WRONG ABOUT THE MOTIVES OF THESE TWO.
AS LONG AS HE'S STRONG, THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH REASON TO FIGHT 'IM, SEE?
I DON'T HAVE TO KNOW WHO THE OTHER GUY IS.
THAT WAS WHEN I REALIZED...
THAT WASN'T ME. THAT WAS MAYA.
!!
Like I care, sissy boy...
SOICHI-RO.
I'M NOT GONNA STEP IN, EVEN IF YOU'RE LOSING.

WOOH
FWIP
WHAK

KRIK
BZZT

STAGGER
WHOA
!!
WH... WHAT THE...
HE BLOCKED MY PUNCH WITH A SINGLE CHOP-STICK?!
Ah...
...WEREN'T THE TYPICAL "KING OF THE HILL" PUNKS I THOUGHT THEY WERE.
ZWM
THESE TWO...
SWIP
BOO
TWIN PALM STRIKE
WHIRL-ING CUFF

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S TAKING ON SUCH AN OBVIOUS AMATEUR.
HE STILL LACKS MUCH DISCI-PLINE.
MAYA?
When'd you get here?
SSSSS
KRMBL
Who's the fool now?
THEY WEREN'T REGULAR HOODLUMS. THEY WERE SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...
WELL, LET'S HAVE HIM SHOW US WHAT HE'S GOT.
LET'S SEE WHAT CALIBER OF MAN YOU'VE FALLEN FOR.
IT WAS RAW JOY...
THESE TWO, MORE THAN ANYONE I'D EVER MET, WERE HUNGRY FOR THE THRILL OF THE FIGHT.

HEH HEH... YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHIN'.
I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS A HIGH-SCHOOLER OUT THERE WHO COULD ACTUALLY PULL OFF A KAMEHAMEHA.
SWOOSH
RR RRR RUMBLE
BUT...
DON'T GO THINKIN' THAT'LL BE ENOUGH TO TAKE ME DOWN.
OO OO
FIGHT:3

AFTER ALL, I'M...
...SOICHIRO NAGI.
And I'm supposed to be the hero of this story...

NORMALLY, KI IS BORN WITHIN ONE'S BODY AND CAN BE USED ONLY BY ONE'S BODY.
IF SUCH A HANDY ATTACK REALLY EXISTED, THERE'D BE NO SUCH THING AS MARTIAL ARTS.
THAT WAS NO KAMEHAMEHA. THAT WAS A GENUINE STRIKE TECHNIQUE HE JUST USED.
HEY, KID!
!!
I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE, PIP-SQUEAK.
TAKAYANAGI IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, MANY TIMES STRONGER THAN YOU.
MURMUR
MURMUR
SO KEEP YOUR GUARD UP, SON.
WHAP
HUH
HOW ABOUT I MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU, FIRST YEAR?
IF YOU CAN LAND JUST ONE PUNCH ON ME, YOU WIN.

YOU'RE FLICKIN' DEAD!!!
POP
I'll sue you for slander, assnipe.
YOU THINK YOU CAN GET OFF PUTTIN' ME DOWN LIKE THAT?
KRAK
POP
SOICHIRO-SAMA...
SO-ICHIRO-SAMA.

IT LOOKS LIKE... YOU TOOK CARE OF QUITE A NUMBER OF THEM TODAY.
ARE YOU HURT?!
NAH.
DAB
DAB
OW!
HMPH
YEAH, HE IS. SEE?
WHAT?
WHAT?
GAH! QUIT IT, YOU IDIOT!!
COME ON NOW, SOICHIRO-SAMA! LET ME SEE YOUR WOUNDS.
GIDDY
GIDDY
GIDDY
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!
NO! FLESH WOUNDS ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS ONES! YOU COULD GET TETANUS!

HIS BACK IS COVERED IN SCARS! EVERY FIGHT HE'S BEEN IN...
...LEFT A MARK ON HIS BODY OF WHAT HE'S BEEN THROUGH.
MY BROTHER'S BACK...
...WAS LIKE THAT TOO...
SOICHIRO-SAMA.
FIGHTING...
YOU ENJOY IT, DON'T YOU?

THEN PLEASE DON'T LOSE.
TO ANY-ONE.
MAN, YOU'RE REALLY INTO STATIN' THE OBVIOUS.
REMEMBER WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO, FOOLETTE.
I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT.
I'VE NEVER...
...STARTED A FIGHT I DIDN'T THINK I COULD WIN.

THIS GUY'S INCREDIBLE...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.
THROB
Hmm...
SPLAT
SPLAT
BAM
BKAM
HYAH!
HYAH!
WHAK
WHUD
SWAK
WHAK
FUU...
FUU...

WHAM!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SOICHIRO IN A ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT WHERE...
...HE COULDN'T EVEN LAY A FINGER ON HIS OPPONENT!
...!
SLUMP...
STOMP
NNGH...
SPLATTER
HACK!

You made of titanium or something?
Hm
I'VE NEVER MET SOMEONE AS TOUGH AS YOU BEFORE...
THUP
THUP
THUP
YOU PUSSYIN' OUT, SENPAI?
C'MON
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
ENOUGH WITH THE HALF-ASSED ATTACKS.
!!
You say that, but you're squirting blood everywhere...
SPURT
SPURT
THAT'S CUZ YOUR PUNCHES SUCK!
ZSH
SHEESH. I WENT EASY ON HIM, FIGURING HE WAS AN AMATEUR.
FINE, THEN. I'LL GRANT HIS WISH AND FINISH HIM OFF WITH THE NEXT BLOW.
HRNGH
HERE IT COMES!
VWOO

!!
FYOOO
WHOM
HE'S FAST!!
I SAW RIGHT THROUGH YOUR ATTACK, DUMBASS!
Have a bite of my knuckle sandwich!
WWoo
HOW NAIVE CAN YOU GET?
It's called a feint, you moron.

SHIFT...
BOOM
KLATTA
...!!
TAP
NOT AGAIN! MY FIST...
IT'S LIKE I JUST PUNCHED A THICK PIECE OF COTTON!

THWAM

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT...?
HRR
ACK
WHA...
HMPH... CONSIDERING HOW OBSESSED AYA IS WITH HIM, I THOUGHT HE'D BE CAPABLE OF MORE THAN THIS.
THUD
SO THAT'S ALL HE HAS, EH?
...
HE'S STRONG ...
AH...

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
HUH?
Was that Aya's voice?
What was that?
NOT A DISGRACE WHO GETS HIS ASS BEAT BY SOME SECOND-RATE MARTIAL ARTIST!!
ON YOUR FEET!! THE MAN I CHOSE TO BE MY HUSBAND BETTER BE A REAL MAN!!
NOOO !!
RO
AR

YOU PROMISED ME.
YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T ...
...LOSE TO ANYONE.
STAB
ME CAN-DATE
Oooh!
POING
HUP!
WHUP
DO IT! LAND THAT PUNCH!
THAT FIRST YEAR'S GOT SOME LIFE IN HIM YET!
...I WAS GONNA BE YOUR HUSBAND ?
KRII
KRII
... WELL, SHIT.
WHO EVER SAID...
YES!
SHNG
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.
I'VE NEVER ONCE STARTED A FIGHT I DIDN'T THINK I COULD WIN.
SO JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH.
SS
SH

RIGHT. WHERE WERE WE?
KRAK!
KRAK!
SORRY, BUT YOUR PUNCHES FELT SO GOOD, THEY WERE PUTTIN' ME TO SLEEP.

The man I chose to be my husband some second-rate martial artist
SOME SECOND-RATE MARTIAL ARTIST.
The man I chose to be my husband better be a real man Not a disgrace who gets his ass beat by some second-rate martial artist

SHE'S TOTALLY CLUELESS!
IS HE UPSET THAT HE COULDN'T KNOCK OUT SOICHIRO-SAMA?
I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG.
SHOCK

GRAH!

HE LOOKS LIKE HIS HEART BROKE!
WHOA! TAKA-YANAGI'S TOTALLY LOST HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT!

...FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
I WAS COUNTIN' ON THAT...
C'MON
SWIPE
TODAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME...
...I REALLY FEEL LIKE BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF YOU.
ZSH
BUT THANKS TO HER, I SNAPPED OUT OF IT.
I SWEAR, THAT GIRL IS AS CRAZY AS EVER.
KOOOAAR
HA
HA!
Hmm!
He's back on his feet, indeed.
I COMPLETELY FORGOT WHEN I GOT CAUGHT UP IN HIS PACE.
HE'S AN EXPERT AT COUNTER-STRIKING. THE WAY HE KEEPS PREDICTING MY MOVES, I DON'T STAND MUCH OF A CHANCE.

Horse Hoof Tramp-ling Fist
Heart & Mind Six Har-monies
I'M NO MARTIAL ARTIST.
I'M A PUNK WHO LIKES TO FIGHT.
CERTAIN DEATH!!

BARRIER!!
TA DA!
AYA'S HOMEMADE BOXED LUNCH!!
When did that bastard--
WH...
THAT'S ...
DAMN, THAT'S LOW.
...AS PLAYING DIRTY!!
MUA HA!
WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT, THERE'S NO SUCH THING...
FREEZE
HE'S LEAVING HIMSELF COMPLETELY OPEN!
GLARE
THAT YOUNG FOOL!

URAAH!!
PAK
GUAGH!!
OW

HOW ABOUT I MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU, FIRST YEAR?
IF YOU CAN LAND JUST ONE PUNCH ON ME, YOU WIN.
CREAK
CREAK
AAH!
NNH!
HE WAS SO DAMN SURE OF HIMSELF WHEN HE SAID THAT.
CREAK
CREAK
BAM
CREAK
CREAK
HEY...
IN THE END, IT'S ALL DOWN TO THAT DRIVE TO WIN. YOU GOTTA BE READY TO KILL.
WHAT COUNTS IN A FIGHT ARE EXPERIENCE AND GUTS.
BOB...
HEE HEE...
GSSH
GSSH

FIGHT:4

SOICHIRO AND I ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT.
WE THOUGHT THAT NO MATTER WHO WE WENT UP AGAINST, WE'D NEVER LOSE.
HEY, BOB...
YOU WANNA DO IT?
THAT WAS WHAT WE ALWAYS BELIEVED... BUT NOW...
YOU WANNA TAKE ON THAT TAKAYANAGI KID, DON'T YOU.

I SCREWED UP. I READ HIM WRONG.
THE TRUTH IS... HE'S A TOTAL MONSTER.
...TO FIND SOMEONE SO STRONG.
HUH? I THOUGHT YOU'D BE EXCITED...
I WILL. BUT NOT NOW.

...I DON'T THINK I CAN BEAT HIM!
WHOK
BOK
I REALLY HATE TO SAY IT, BUT RIGHT NOW...
GUAH!
GUH...

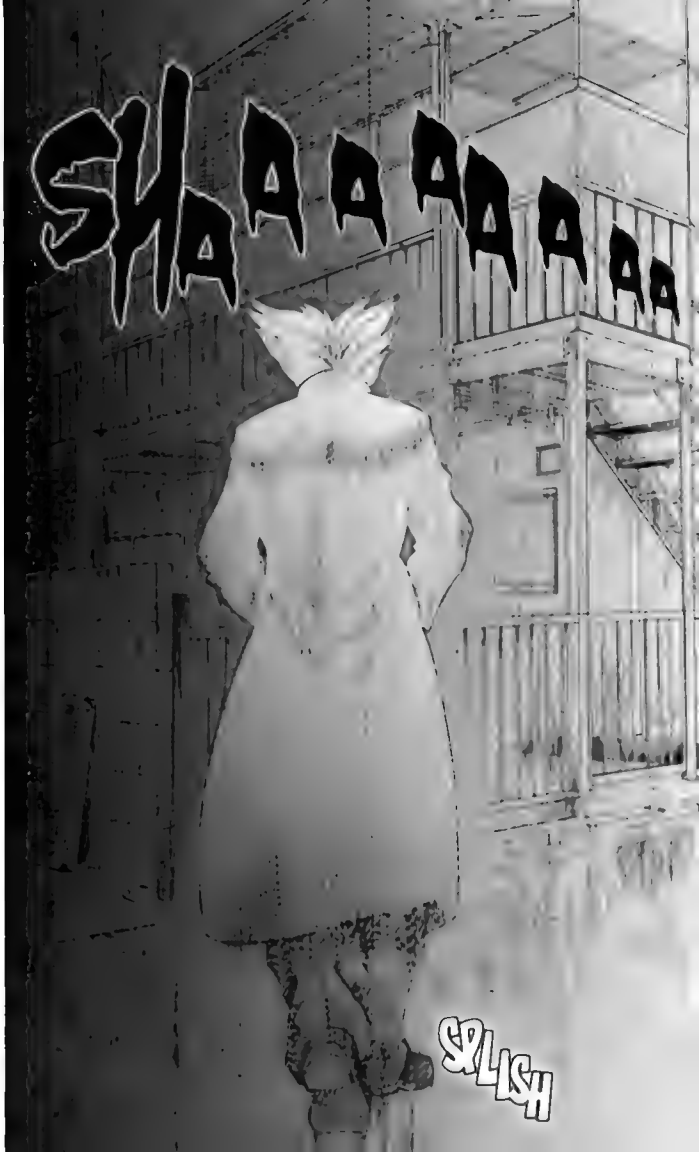
SHIK
GRRR...
A BLOOD-LUST AS COLD AS IRON.
COMBINA-TIONS THAT WERE LETHALLY PRECISE.
!

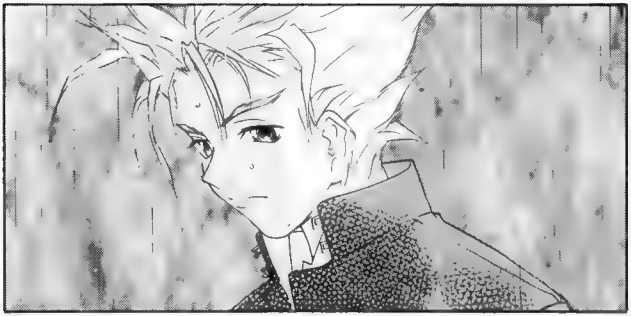
A BODY LIKE STEEL AND A TERRIFYING STRENGTH OF SPIRIT.

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I REALIZED...
...THAT IN THIS WORLD, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH DRIVE OR GUTS YOU HAVE.
THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE SO STRONG YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THEM!

AH...
FSSSSHHH...
AH...
UH...
I STILL AIN'T SURE IF HE MISSED ON PURPOSE OR BY ACCIDENT.
GET IT?
HMM... I THINK SO.
UAAAAA
AAA AAA

TELL ME ABOUT IT.
IT'S RARE FOR NAGI TO LOSE A FIGHT.
IT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE...
THAT CAMPUS IS FULL OF GUYS STRONG ENOUGH TO SMASH CONCRETE WITH THEIR BARE HANDS.
BUT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN YOU CAN WIN, DON'T YOU THINK?
IF THAT KID WAS SO INHUMAN, THEN IT'S TO BE EXPECTED THAT NAGI LOST.
ENOUGH OF THAT.
SORRY...
Gyuu
...BEING FUCKED BY SOMEONE WHOSE MIND IS ELSEWHERE IS A WAY BIGGER PROBLEM.
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, FOR A GIRL LIKE ME...
GOT IT?


SHAAAAAAAA
SPLISH



?!!
RATT!
RATT!

SQLCH
CLANG
SQLCH
CLANG
CLANG

RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

RUMMAGE
...
CLANG

SHAD
RRR

GONK
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO KNOCK?
!!
...
HRRK
HOP
HOP
...
...

THOUGHT YOU LEARNED THAT ALREADY.
Y'KNOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUST A DOOR DOWN TO OPEN IT.
HOLD UP.
OR DIDJA COME OVER JUST TO BREAK MY DOOR?
SORRY, BOB.
I'LL COME BACK LATER.
LOSER!
HIYA!
SHAAAAAAAAAAAAA

EVEN AFTER YOU PULLED THAT LOWDOWN TRICK, YOU STILL LOST LIKE A DOG.
IF I WERE YOU, I'D KILL MYSELF OUTTA SHAME.
NOTHIN' TO SAY, MAN.
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
HEY, BOB...
JUMP
NO, THANKS.
SUGAR?
HERE.
NO... I MEAN...
JUMP
SLURP
SEE YA.
BE BACK IN AN HOUR.
I'M GOING TO THE LAUNDRO-MAT.
JUMP

LISTEN, BOB.
AM I WEAK?

...
I'LL BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU... AT THIS POINT IN TIME, COMPARED TO TAKAYANAGI OR THAT MIDGET GIRL...
...AND EVEN TO AYA, YOU'RE DEFINITELY WEAK.

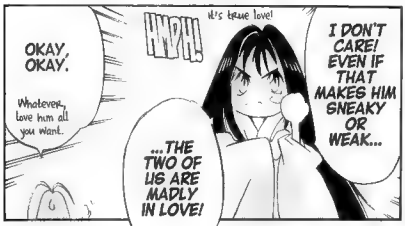
...
RIGHT...

ZAAA
SH
SHAK
SHING

DBOOM
SO STOP TAKING OUT YOUR ANGER OUT ON THEM.
BUT THESE LANDSCAPING ROCKS ARE EXPENSIVE.
!!
ON A TEAR, I SEE.

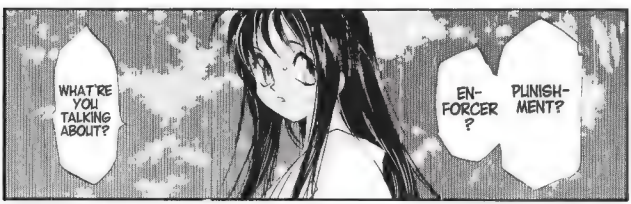
THAT MAN WASTED THE LUNCH YOU MADE FOR HIM BY USING IT AS A SHAMEFUL PROP IN HIS FIGHT.
FORGET ABOUT HIM.
POOR TAKA-YANAGI... HE JUST CAN'T CATCH A BREAK.

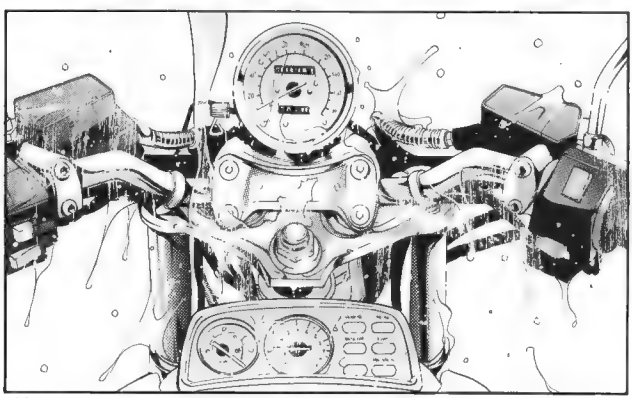
IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM, I'M PLACING ALL THE BLAME ON TAKAYANAGI.
SOICHIRO-SAMA DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL AGAIN TODAY...
I MEAN...


OKAY, OKAY.
Whatever, love him all you want.
HMPH!
It's true love!
I DON'T CARE! EVEN IF THAT MAKES HIM SNEAKY OR WEAK...
...THE TWO OF US ARE MADLY IN LOVE!

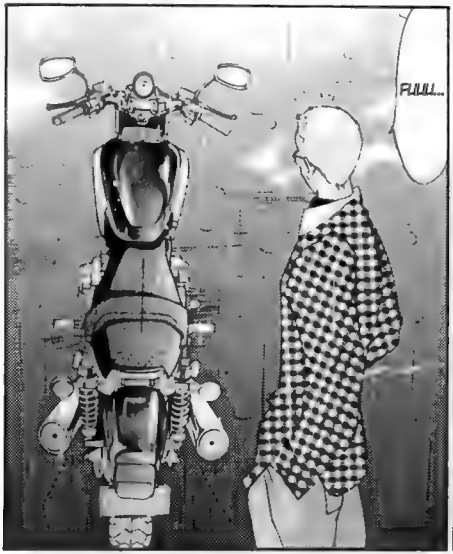
CONSIDERING ALL THE MAYHEM THOSE TWO KNUCKLEHEADS HAVE BEEN CAUSING SINCE SCHOOL STARTED, THEY'RE DUE FOR SOME PUNISHMENT.
IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHO'S BEEN TAPPED AS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S ENFORCER THIS YEAR...

?!
BUT YOU KNOW... THOSE BOYS ARE GOING TO HAVE IT ROUGH FROM HERE ON OUT.
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS ALREADY STARTING TO MAKE ITS MOVE.


WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
EN-FORCER?
PUNISH-MENT?



SPASH
SPASH
SPASH


PUUU...

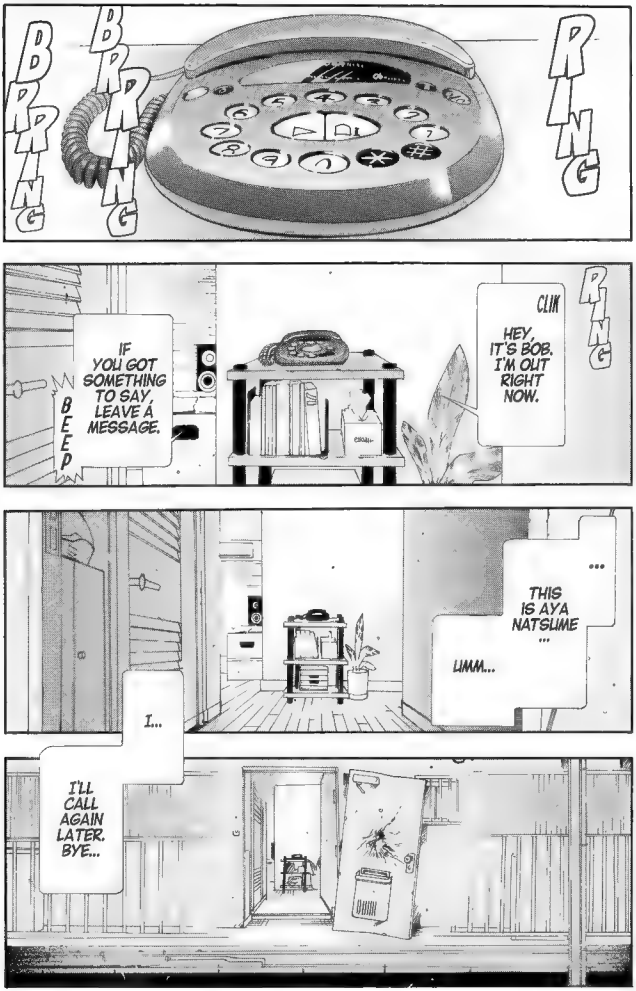
FSSH

FLIK
FWOOM

LET THE FUN BEGIN.
ROAR
FZZT
FZZT
FZZT
FWOOO

IS IT JUST ME OR IS THERE GAS BURNING SOME-WHERE?
WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
DUNNO.
MAYBE SOMEONE TORCHED YOUR V-MAX.
SNIFF SNIFF
JUMP

FIGHT:5


BRRING
BRRING
RING
BEEP
IF YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, LEAVE A MESSAGE.
CLIK
HEY, IT'S BOB. I'M OUT RIGHT NOW.
RING
...
THIS IS AYA NATSUME ...
UMM...
I...
I'LL CALL AGAIN LATER. BYE...

SON OF A BITCH...
SOMEONE REALLY DID TORCH MY V-MAX...
ROAAAAARR
POP
POP
KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL

WE'LL DEFINITELY FIND THE FUCKWAD WHO DID THIS, AND THEN YOU CAN GET AS MUCH PAYBACK AS YOU WANT.
HEY, DON'T GET YOUR SHORTS IN A KNOT.
How're we gonna do that?
ARE YOU NUTS?
GUESS SOMEBODY CALLED THE COPS.
WEEOO
WEEOO
WEEOO
HONK HONK
ACTU-ALLY, A TON OF PEOPLE WOULD...
WHO THE HELL WOULD ...?
WAIT... MAYBE IT WAS...
mad
mad
mad

SIMPLE. WE JUST JUMP ALL THE SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING GUYS WE CAN FIND AND CRACK DOWN ON 'EM.
IF WE DO THAT, WE'LL CATCH 'IM SOONER OR LATER.
EASY, RIGHT?

...NOTHIN'.
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT LOOK?!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH SOICHIRO RIGHT NOW. THE GUY WHO DID THIS HAS GOTTA STILL BE NEARBY. I'M GONNA FIND HIM... AND THEN I'M GONNA KILL HIM!!
MY RULE'S ALWAYS BEEN TO STAY COOL, BUT THIS IS THE FUCKIN' LIMIT.
GRRR
SPEAKING OF, WHAT'S TAKIN' HER SO LONG? THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST GOING TO DO LAUNDRY...
CHIAKI'S PROBABLY GONNA CRY OVER THIS ONE. SHE ALWAYS LOVED THAT BIKE...

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE THE LAUNDRO-MAT IS?!
NO IDEA. WE GOTTA START LOOKIN' AROUND THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD AND FIND IT, FAST.
WHOA!
B O M F
OUTTA THE WAY!!
I'VE GOT A REAL BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
...SHIT.
BA
DOM
SHKKA
SHKKA

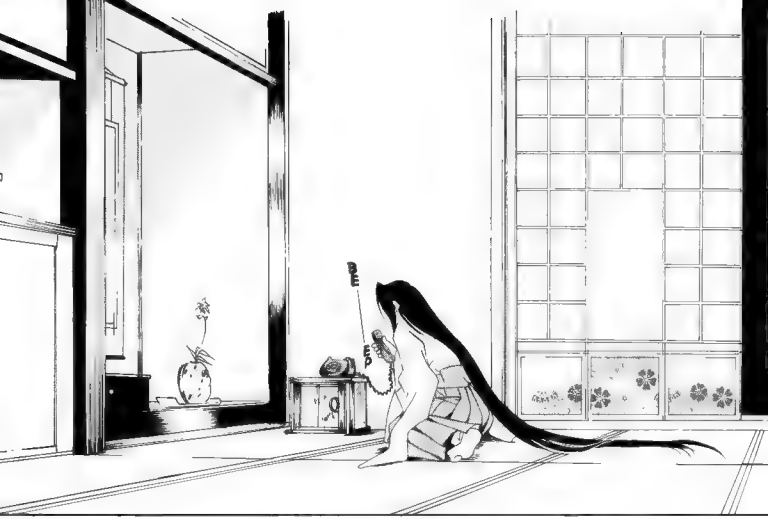
BADUM
GRIND
FUUU
CLICK
BA
H

DUM

BA-

LAUNDROMAT
SHAAAAA

SO?
NO ANSWER. BOB'S NOT PICKING UP.
I WAS SO SURE THAT... SOICHIRO-SAMA WOULD BE WITH HIM.
BEEP
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. THE "PUNISHMENT" SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED SO THAT THE STUDENT COUNCIL CAN KEEP PUBLIC ORDER.
THE RULES DICTATE THAT IT CAN BE CARRIED OUT ONLY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. AS LONG AS THOSE BOYS DON'T RESIST TOO MUCH, THE ENFORCER SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD ON THEM.


BEEP
BEEP

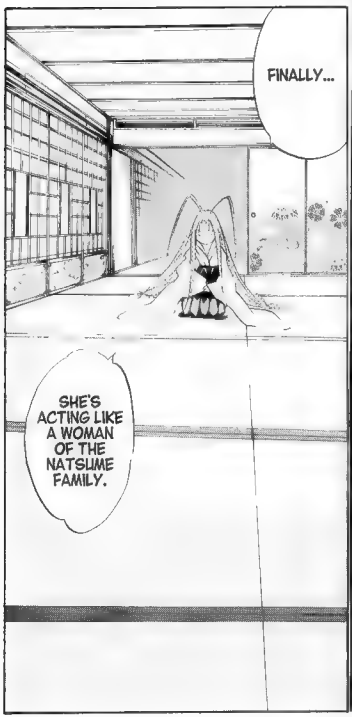
I FEEL LIKE MY HEAD'S GOING TO SPLIT... AND MY STOMACH'S CHURNING... I THINK I MIGHT HAVE TO THROW UP...
THROB
THROB
THROB
THROB
STILL... I HAVE THIS... HORRIBLE SINKING FEELING...

I'm still a virgin!
DON'T JUMP TO WILD CONCLUSIONS!
...IS IT HIS?

UHH...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NNH... I JUST NEED TO... USE THE BATHROOM...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
URP..
THIS HAS HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE...

...
HMM...


FINALLY...
SHE'S ACTING LIKE A WOMAN OF THE NATSUME FAMILY.

IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE...
...MY BROTHER DIED!

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
NATSUME RESI-DENCE!
YES, HELLO?!
HELLO, NA—
SNATCH
BRRING
BRRING
LOOK, I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW, SO YOU BETTER MAKE THIS GOOD OR I'M HANGING UP.
...YES, IT'S ME.
AW, DON'T BE SO COLD, HONEY.
I COULD CUM THREE TIMES JUST LISTENING TO YOUR VOICE.
?!
RYUZAKI ?!
IT'S NOT SOICHIRO-SAMA...
JUST SOME GUY NAMED RYUZAKI... HERE.
DROOP

THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS MAKE IT WORTH MY EFFORT.
THE MAIN EVENT WILL BE STARTING SOON.

CLICK
VOLUME
THE NAIL THAT STICKS UP GETS HAMMERED DOWN.
OUR PRESIDENT HAS BEEN QUITE PATIENT UNTIL NOW, BUT THE REST OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S MEMBERS HAVE HAD ENOUGH.
...
WHAT ...
...ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

AND SO WE DECIDED THAT THOSE TWO DESERVE SOMETHING SPECIAL. A LITTLE "EXTRA-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT."
WE HAVE TO TEACH THOSE FIRST YEARS ONCE AND FOR ALL...
...WHAT THE CONSE-QUENCES OF JOINING YOUR JUKEN CLUB REALLY ARE.

BA
THMP

BA
TH
MP
AH...
AAH...!
KRAK
THOSE BOYS...
...WILL BE YOUR SCAPE-GOATS.

KRII
KRASHH

RIGHT ON TIME...
WAIT, RYUZAKI! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG. THOSE BOYS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US!
MY SISTER'S CHASING THEM AROUND ON HER OWN!
GRRAA!!
YOU'VE GOT A NICE KICK THERE.
RYU—
KUK

VRRRM
RR
RR
RR
RR
TUG
SHAK
WAIT, AYA!
DON'T EVEN TRY TO STOP ME.
HE WAS CALLING ON A CELL PHONE. THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE HE IS.
AND ANYWAY, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE.

SHE'LL TEACH ME EVERY-THING I NEED TO KNOW.
THIS IS MY BROTH-ER'S BIKE.
I'LL BE FINE.
RR
RR
RR
RR
I CAN SEE SOICHIRO-SAMA AS CLEARLY AS IF HE WERE STANDING IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW.
THIS MUST BE THE POWER OF LOVE AT WORK.

VROOOOOOOOOOOM
VRRRRM

AYA...
...IS BEGINNING TO SEE.
...SINCE SHE WAS YOUNG, SHE'S BEEN REVEALING SIGNS OF THAT POWER.
FOR GENERATIONS, THE NATSUME FAMILY HAS PRODUCED MEMBERS WITH UNUSUAL TALENTS. SUCH TALENTS DIFFER FROM ONE PERSON TO THE NEXT, BUT...
THE DRAGON EYES!!
CALLED THE "CRYSTAL EYE" IN ANCIENT CHINA, IT ENABLES THE USER TO PERCEIVE THINGS FOR WHAT THEY TRULY ARE, AND EVEN TO SEE FAR INTO THE PAST OR FUTURE.
IT'S SAID THAT THE USERS OF THE DRAGON EYES CAN EXERT THEIR WILL NOT ONLY THROUGH HUMANS, BUT ALSO THROUGH INANIMATE OBJECTS.

PERHAPS HER CRUSH ON THAT PUP ISN'T MERELY A COINCIDENCE.
THOSE BOYS...
...LOOK LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN FIGHT-HAPPY IDIOTS, BUT...
...PERHAPS SOON... PERHAPS VERY SOON...
LAUNDROMAT
SHAAAAAA

BA-
DUM

AH...
HUFF...
HUFF...

FSHT
YO.

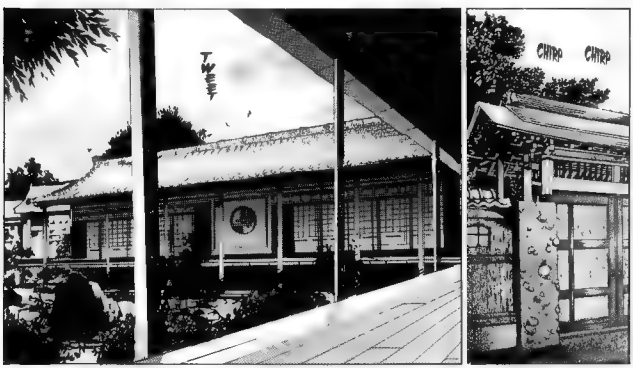
KA
CHA
NG
!!
KRAK
YOU MUST BE THE YOUNGER NATSUME GIRL.
KRHBL
NICE TITS FOR A FIRST YEAR.
KRAK

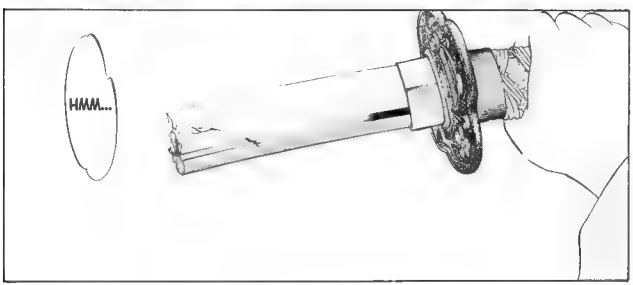
TELL THESE TWO LOSERS THIS FOR ME.
MY NAME IS TSUTOMU RYUZAKI, A THIRD YEAR.
IF I SEE THEM ON CAMPUS AFTER THIS, I'LL DO SOMETHING A WHOLE HELLUVA LOT WORSE TO THEM.
SO THEY BETTER GO STRAIGHT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING AND WITHDRAW FROM SCHOOL.
GRAB
!!
ANGER DISTURBS THE FLOW OF KI. AND UNLESS YOU WANNA COME AT ME TOPLESS, YOU'RE IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT ME, LET ALONE WIN.
COOL IT, BITCH.
SHAR
SHAR
SHAR
NO NEED TO RUSH.
SHAAAAAAA
WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GO AT IT LATER.

FIGHT:6

SHAA
SHAA
I...
I WANT TO BE STRONG ER
MUTTER
MUTTER
STRONG ER
MUTTER
MUTTER

SOMEDAY... YOU'LL BE STRONGER THAN ANYONE!
YOU WILL BE. I KNOW YOU WILL...
STRONGER!!


TWEET
CHIRP CHIRP

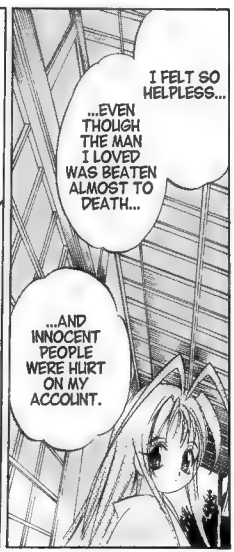

HMM...

THIS SWORD WAS CRAFTED BY MASAKIYO OF SATSUMA*. MODERN-DAY SWORDSMITHS CAN'T FORGE SOMETHING LIKE THIS ANYMORE.
SHIK
BESIDES, THE BLADE NO LONGER POSSESSES ANY KI.
IT'S COMPLETELY SHATTERED.
CAN'T WE HAVE IT FIXED?
I SEE...
...
RATHER THAN RE-FORGE IT, WE SHOULD HOLD A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR IT.
LIKE PEOPLE, ONCE A SWORD IS BROKEN, IT'S DEAD.
SNIFFLE
...
SORRY.
I WAS IN SUCH A RAGE THAT I LOST CONTROL AND COMPLETELY ABANDONED MY SWORDSMANSHIP.
I WAS PRACTICALLY ASKING FOR HIM TO BREAK IT.
HM?
LIM... MAYA?

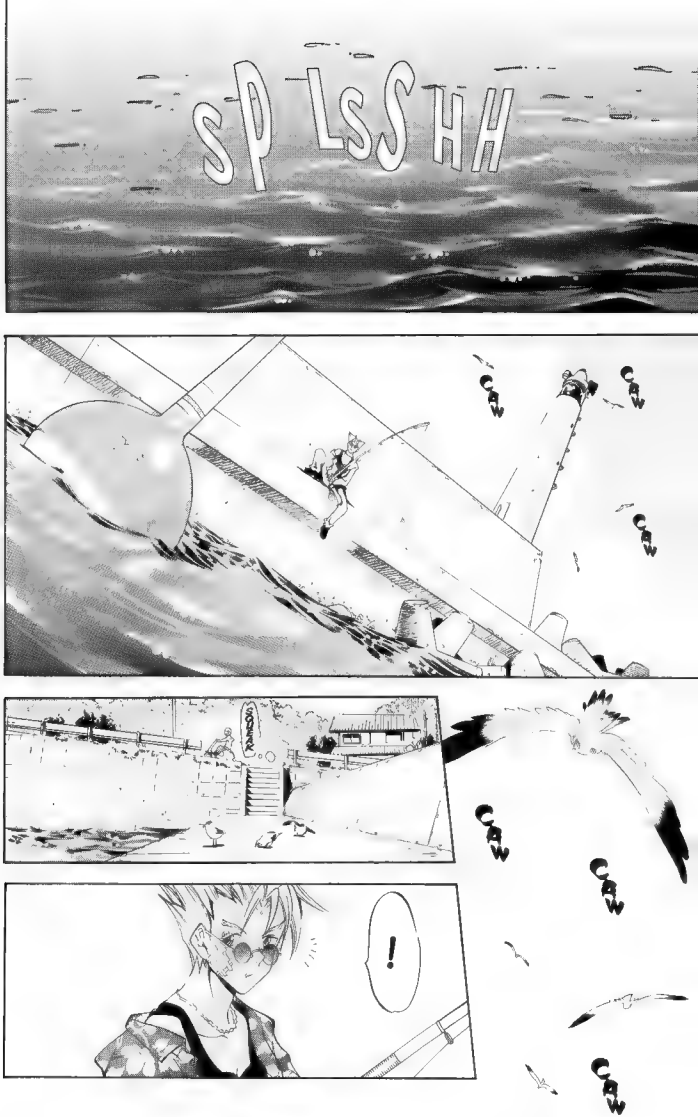
*A FAMOUS SWORDSMITH FROM SATSUMA, ALSO KNOWN AS MONDO NO SHO MASAKIYO (1670-1730). HE WAS THE CRAFTSMAN WHO WAS GIVEN PERMISSION BY THE EIGHTH SHOGUN, YOSHIMUNE, TO PUT THE AOI MON ON HIS SWORDS BECAUSE OF HIS SUPERB WORK. "KINMEI UCHIMON DONOSHO MASAKIYO" IS ONE OF HIS MOST FAMOUS PIECES.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN...
...TO BECOME STRONGER?

BEING BORN INTO THE NATSUME FAMILY, EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER I'VE PRACTICED THE WAY OF MARTIAL ARTS. I THOUGHT I WAS ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING "STRONG," BUT...
BUT I...


I FELT SO HELPLESS...
...EVEN THOUGH THE MAN I LOVED WAS BEATEN ALMOST TO DEATH...
...AND INNOCENT PEOPLE WERE HURT ON MY ACCOUNT.

THE QUESTIONS ARE HARD, BUT THE ANSWERS ARE ALWAYS CONCISE AND CLEAR.
IT'S TIME TO STOP ACTING LIKE A CHILD, AYA!
IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, YOU'LL NEVER BECOME A MARTIAL ARTS MASTER.
...AND EVEN WHAT "STRENGTH" IS... ARE QUESTIONS EVERYONE MUST ASK THEMSELVES AT SOME POINT.
WHY YOU NEED TO BE STRONG... WHY YOU WANT TO BE STRONG...
RIGHT ...
OR WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE.
WE BETTER GET READY.
RUSTLE


SPLSSHH
CAW
CAW
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MANSION
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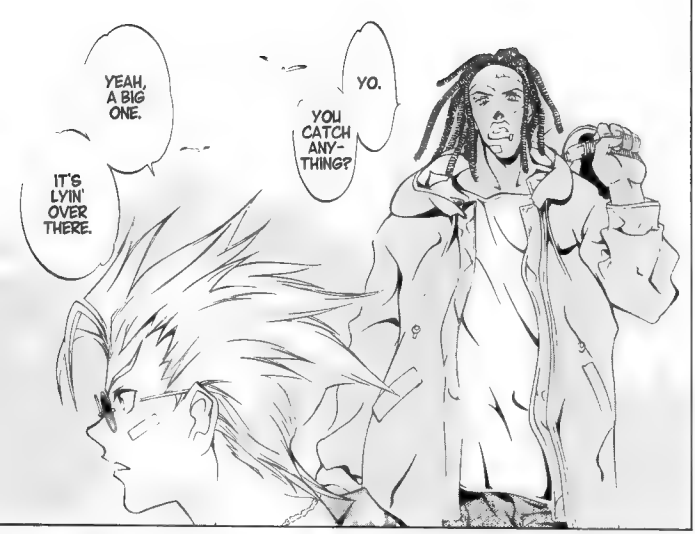
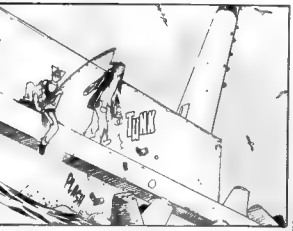
CAW
CAW
CAW

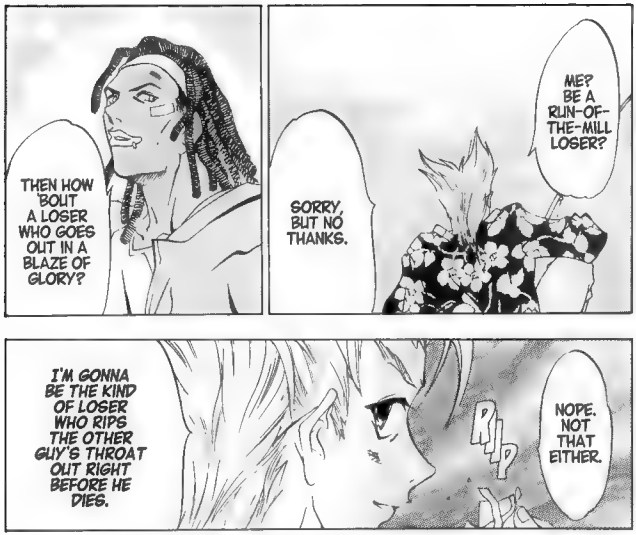

YEAH, A BIG ONE.
IT'S LYIN' OVER THERE.
YO.
YOU CATCH ANY-THING?


THUD
PAH!

I BEEN WONDERIN' ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE, BUT... WHY'RE THERE SO MANY RAIN BOOTS IN JAPANESE WATERS?
...
I DUNNO.

...HOW'S CHIAKI DOIN'?

HAR HAR
SORRY FOR GOING TO PIECES LIKE THAT!
IT WAS SO SUDDEN I GUESS I JUST PANICKED!
BUT I'M TOTALLY FINE! REALLY! I STOPPED HIM AT THE LAST SECOND!
...SORT OF.
HM...
WELL... SHE SEEMS OKAY FOR NOW...
CAW
CAW
CAW
SSP
THOUGHT YOU QUIT SMOKING.
FU
U
I WASN'T SERIOUSLY TRYIN' TO QUIT.
Y'KNOW, LOSERS...
...CAN LEAD PRETTY DECENT LIVES TOO.


THEN HOW 'BOUT A LOSER WHO GOES OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY?
SORRY, BUT NO THANKS.
ME? BE A RUN-OF-THE-MILL LOSER?
I'M GONNA BE THE KIND OF LOSER WHO RIPS THE OTHER GUY'S THROAT OUT RIGHT BEFORE HE DIES.
NOPE. NOT THAT EITHER.

RIGHT ON!
LET'S GET GOIN', PARTNER!

ONCE UPON A TIME...
...SCHOOL WAS OUR SANCTUARY.

AM

IT WAS A BATTLE-GROUND. A PARADISE.
FUUU ...

HOWEVER, ONE MAN CAST IT INTO A DARK AGE.
TWIST

Shin Natsume 7th Rank
IN EXCHANGE FOR ANOTHER MAN'S DEATH.
THROB
THROB
OW... WHAT IS THAT, ABOUT 70 PERCENT?

A DARK AGE OF STABILITY, RULED UNDER AN IRON ORDER AND STIFLED BY A CONTINUOUS SENSE OF DEFEAT.

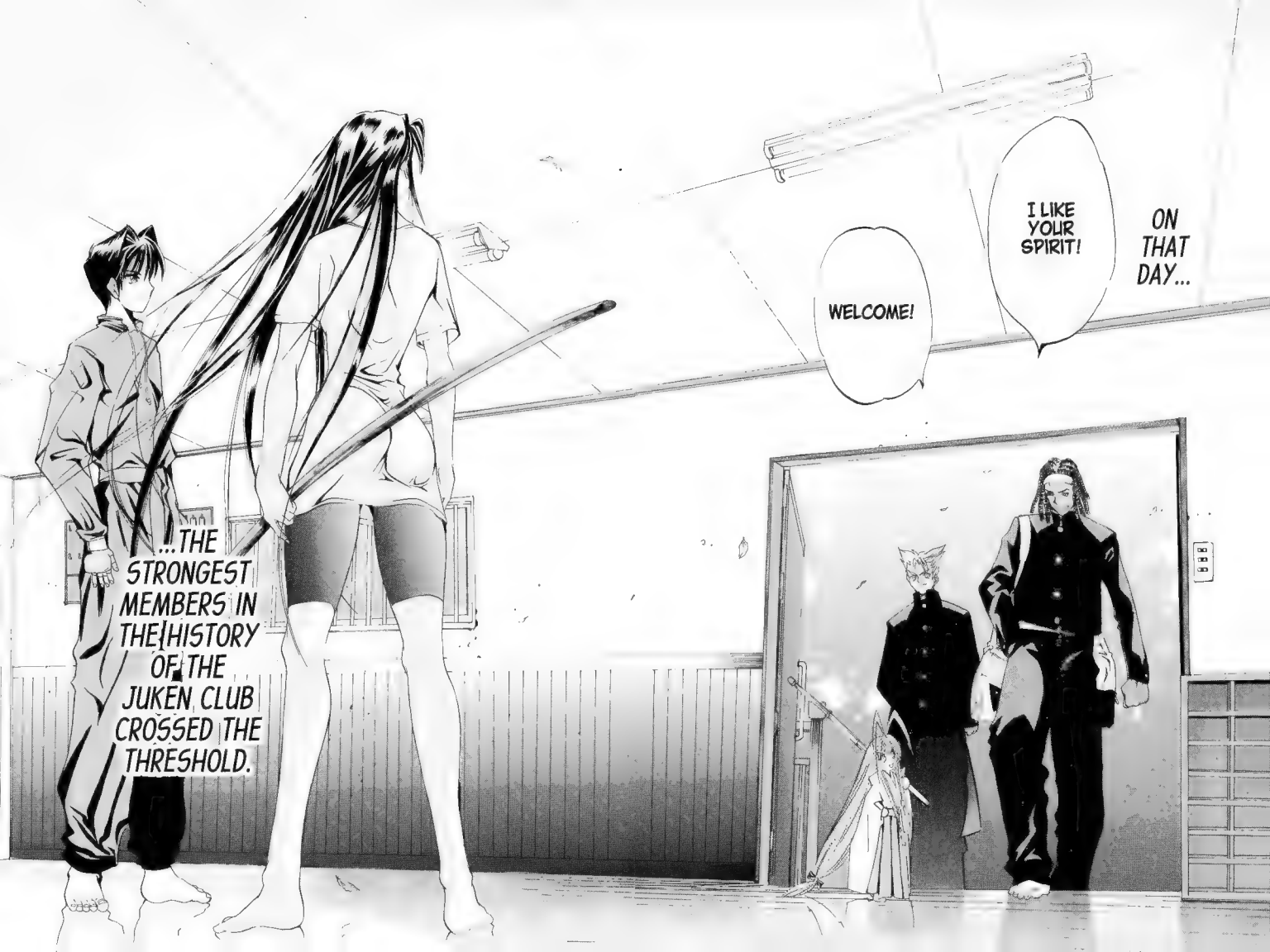
IT SEEMS YOUR RIBS AREN'T COMPLETELY HEALED YET FROM WHEN THAT BOY PUMMELED THEM IN.
DON'T OVERDO IT NOW, TAKA-YANAGI.
WHAT ?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? LOOK, I CAN HANDLE—
THUNK
I TOLD YOU NOT TO OVERDO IT.

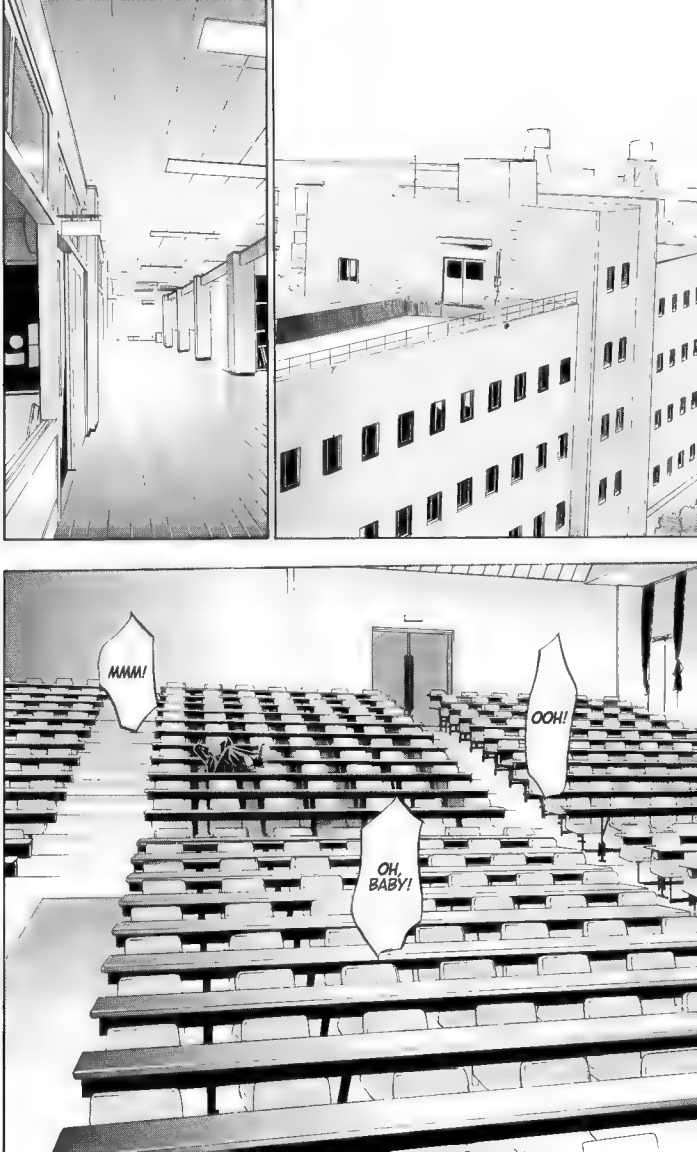
EVEN SO...
KOFF
KOFF
!!

YO, SENPAI. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
EVEN IN THE FACE OF ALL THE PAIN AND HARDSHIP THAT LAY BEFORE THEM, THEY NEVER WAVERED FOR AN INSTANT.
THEY SAY THAT WHEN YOU'RE IN A HURRY YOU BETTER TAKE THE LONG WAY 'ROUND.
I AIN'T THRILLED TO ADMIT IT, BUT RIGHT NOW EVEN IF WE LAUNCHED A SUICIDE ATTACK WE'D COME UP SHORT.

BOB MAKIHARA. SAME.
THE NAME'S SOICHIRO NAGI. I'M A FIRST YEAR HERE AT TODO.
STARTING TODAY, WE'RE JOINING THE JUKEN CLUB!
BA
M

OUR SCHOOL...
...MAY ONCE AGAIN BECOME THE PARADISE WE LONGED FOR.
RYUZAKI'S GOING DOWN.
ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.
THREE MONTHS.
GIVE US THREE MONTHS AND WE'LL SHOW YOU WE'RE STRONGER THAN ANYONE.
HUH.
YOU BETTER LIVE UP TO THOSE WORDS, BOYS.


ON THAT DAY...
I LIKE YOUR SPIRIT!
WELCOME!
...THE STRONGEST MEMBERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE JUKEN CLUB CROSSED THE THRESHOLD.


MMM!
OOH!
OH, BABY!

AHH!
MMM!
GIVE IT TO ME!

TOK

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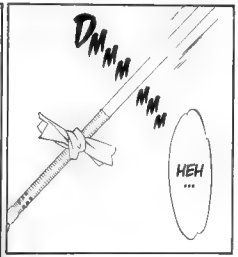
TSHT

A LOVE LETTER, SENT WITH SOUL.
HOW SWEET.


DMMM
MMM
HEH ...

RUSTLE
YO.
SO YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO ACCEPT MY LOVE FOR YOU, EH, MAYA?
YOU EVEN CAME TO ME IN YOUR TRUE FORM. I'M TOUCHED.
CUT THE BULLSHIT.
WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER, RYUZAKI?

FWOOM
HOW DARE YOU DEFY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL!
THE ANSWER IS... NO!

DON'T YOU GET IT?! ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME, YOU DUMB SNATCH?!
YOU BETTER, IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
YOU CAN'T WIGGLE YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS ONE, BITCH. YOU WANT THEM TO JOIN THE JUKEN CLUB? YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH THAT?
AND WHATEVER THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDES IS LAW! ABSOLUTE LAW!
THOSE TWO ARE EXPELLED. THAT IS OUR FINAL DECISION.

...OF THOSE TWO?
...THAT AFRAID ...
ARE YOU...

JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A HIGHER RANK, DON'T GO THINKING YOU'RE SO DAMN STRONG, NATSUME.
FOOM
SINCE YOU'RE ACTUALLY IN UNIFORM FOR ONCE, HOW ABOUT A TAN TO GO WITH IT?
RO
AR
I'LL TOAST YOU TO A NICE, DARK BROWN.
LET'S GO.
FOOM
HMPH. I SEE THAT HE'S GOT BETTER CONTROL OF HIS KI NOW.
FLAME KI... OUT OF THE FIVE ELEMENTS, RYUZAKI USES FIRE.

KRAK
WHPASH
!!
BUT I COULD USE THE WORKOUT. I'M FEELING A LITTLE RUSTY.
RETIRE
THOSE BOYS SHOULD BE THE ONES FIGHTING YOU, NOT ME.

AND AFTER HEARING ABOUT WHAT YOU DID, I'M ALSO FEELING LIKE BEATING YOUR HEAD IN.
RUSTLE
COME!
THIS LITTLE BRANCH IS ALL I NEED TO TAKE YOU OUT.
KAHAHA
FINE BY ME...
ROOOOOAAAR
YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO REGRET YOUR DECISION AFTER I BURN SOME HOLES IN YOU, NATSUME...

RUSTLE
TOMP
SNAP
HAH!!
WHSSH...
WR
RRL

Ugh, this is gonna be tough.
HE'S USING CAPOEIRA.
THUMP
SH
VSSH
Tsk tsk tsk
NO, I SWEAR HE DIDN'T GO ALL THE WAY WITH ME.
I TWISTED THIS WAY AND THAT TO KEEP HIM FROM GETTING IT IN ALL THE WAY. I PUT UP A REAL FIGHT.

AND CAME JUST LIKE THAT.
HE WAS EMBARRASSED, SO HE TRIED TO HIDE IT, BUT HE COULDN'T FOOL ME. GYA HA HA!
SMIRK
AND THEN HE GOES...
UHH!
SLAP
...
THWAK
HRAH!
CHATTER
CHATTER
'COURSE I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT, THOUGH.
IT WAS TOTALLY RIDICULOUS! ♡
THAM
OOF!
WHAP
I THINK NOW I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE STRONG.
AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME STRONG.
TWIST

You think you can go up against the guy I couldn't beat, too?
THINKING THAT I WANT TO BECOME STRONG ISN'T THE SAME AS SEEKING STRENGTH.
LOSER!
YOU ACTUALLY SAID "OOF!"
DAHAHAHA
"STRENGTH" ISN'T ABOUT COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS.
YOWCH
PLEASE?
HEY... LAUGH ABOUT IT...
COME ON! IT WAS FUNNY!
HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I MEAN IT...
LAUGH FOR ME, GUYS... COME ON...

ZAAA
I'M SURE WE ALL KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE HOW WEAK WE REALLY ARE.
BUT IT'S BECAUSE WE KNOW...
RUSTLE
IT'S THE VERY FACT THAT WE KNOW...
...THAT MAKES ALL OF US...
...CAPABLE OF BECOMING STRONGER.

RUSTLE
...BUT AT THE SAME TIME SEEMED SO FLEETING, FINALLY CAME TO AN END.
Here's your school uniform back.
Hm?
Oh, just had to run an errand.
Where have you been?
SPRING, WHICH SEEMED TO LAST FOREVER...
...WOULD BE UPON US SOON.
SUMMER...

Aya Natsume

Daughter of the dojo that Bob goes to and the heroine of the story. She holds a second rank in the Natsume style of martial arts. At night, she transforms into a succubus, although she's completely unaware of it. So far, the only ones who know are Bob and Soichiro.

· Afterword ·

This is the initial concept of the story, and as you can already tell, I originally intended for *Tenjo Tenge* to be a high school fantasy story. But a month before it started serialization I changed course, and that's how I ended up with what you're reading now.

Anyway, one thing after another happened, and I'm relieved that at long last the first volume has finally been compiled. And now I'm working my hardest to get the second volume out too. So thanks for your well wishes and see you again soon.

Tekken Days

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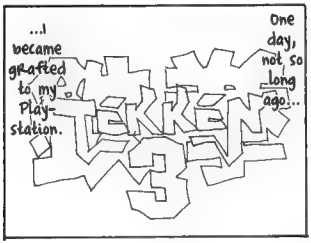
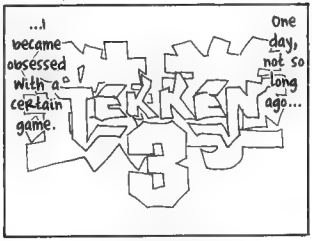
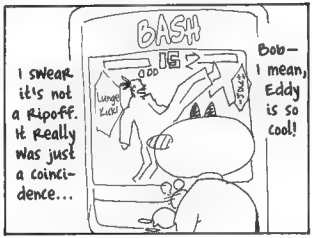
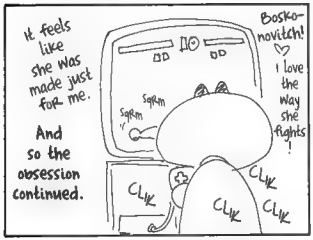
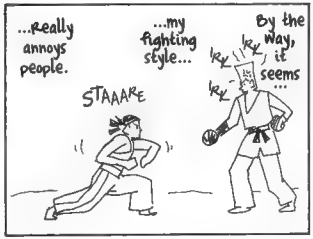
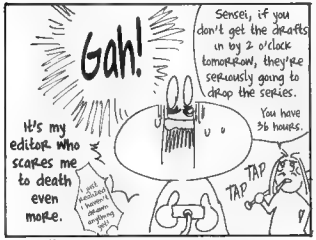






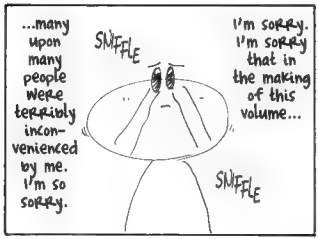


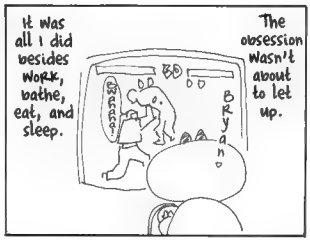


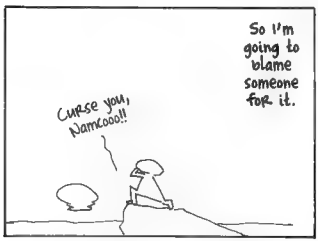

Gah!
It's my editor who scares me to death even more.
Sensei, if you don't get the drafts in by 2 o'clock tomorrow, they're seriously going to drop the series.
You have 36 hours.
TAP
TAP
I will finish! I haven't abandoned you yet!

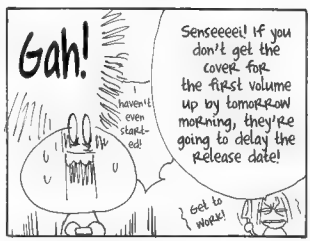
I Really did do the pages in 36 hours...

Bonus Manga: Oh!Great's


...many upon many people were terribly inconvenienced by me. I'm so sorry.
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
I'm sorry. I'm sorry that in the making of this volume...



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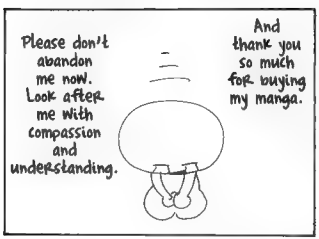
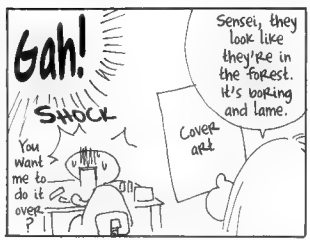
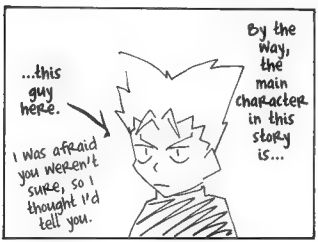
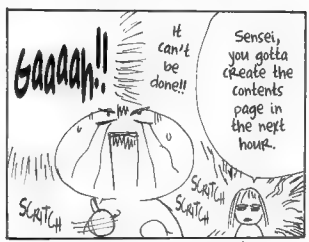
Get to work!









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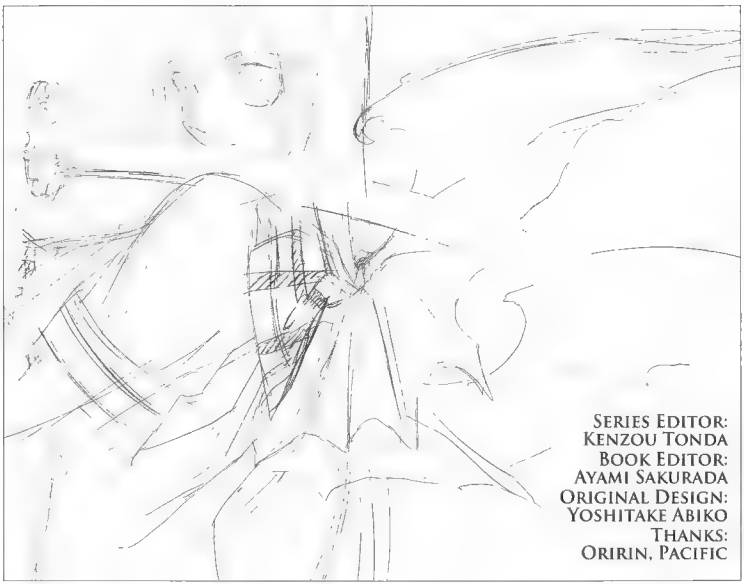

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A single punch can be imbued with energy, skill, time, sweat, history and philosophy. Martial arts truly are a deep subject.

These kinds of thoughts run through my head while I watch the K-1 tournament. And yet I also think about how there's no way I could ever take part in something that looks so painful.

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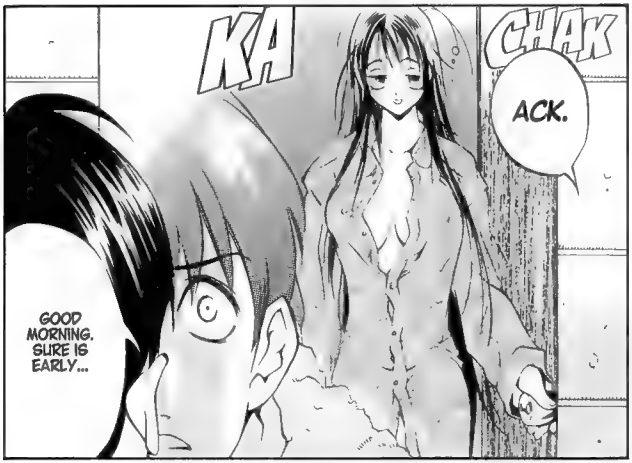
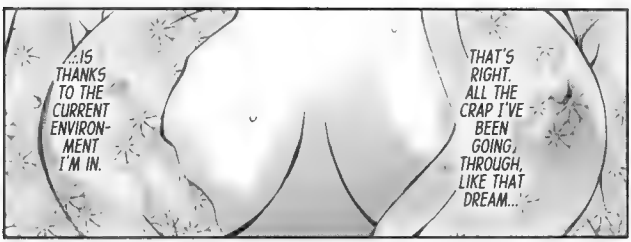
AYA!
MASA-TAKA-SAMA!
RRRR
YOU'RE SAFE NOW, AYA.
THANK YOU. BUT...
...
SNAP

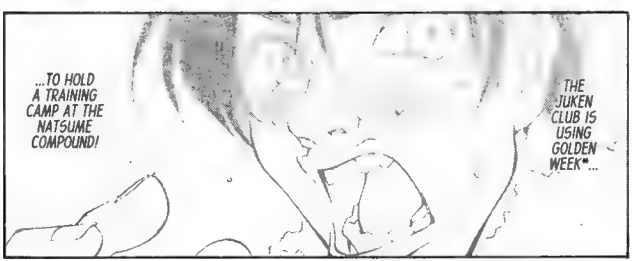
I DON'T LIKE GUYS WITH SMALL DICKS.
HUH?
...
GYAAH!
Foreskin Shrink Beam!
AHA! SO YOUR WEAKNESS IS YOUR C#K.
WAH! NAGI?!
SHOCK
NO! STOP! NO MOOORE!
This is revenge for the cafeteria.
SLTHR
SLTHR
PATA
PATA
It really is tiny.
Hee
Muu ha ha!
Wooo!
Stop it!

A DREAM ...
HA
IT WAS JUST A DREAM ...
HA
HA
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

AT LEAST THE FIRST PART WAS GOOD...
PHEW ...

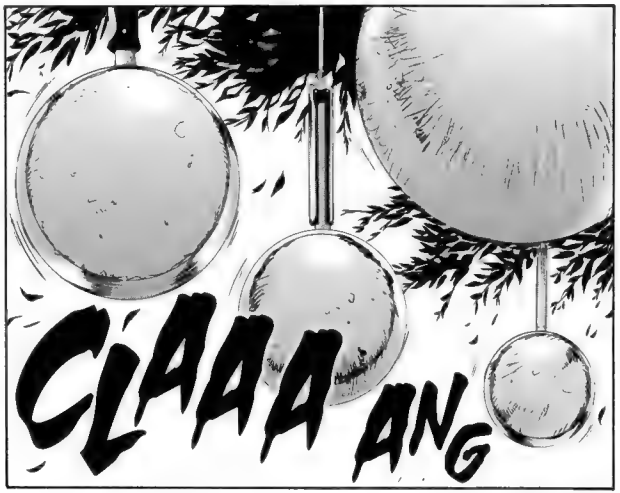






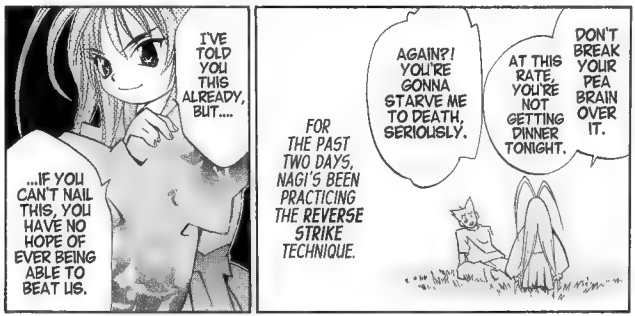
*GOLDEN WEEK = A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN JAPAN

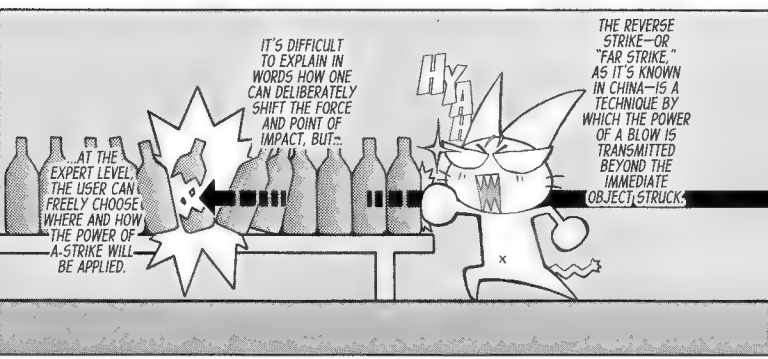
RELAX YOUR SHOULDERS AND USE YOUR KNEES!
WRONG!
SHOW ME ANOTHER STRAIGHT RIGHT!
KRAANG
HRAH!


CLAAANG

ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME? DO IT AGAIN!
WRONG, WRONG, WRONG!
CLANG
KO
NG
HAAH!!
WOOSH
KIIN
KIIN
KIIN
KIIN
YOU NEED TO STRIKE AT ITS CORE! DON'T USE YOUR EYES. USE YOUR HEART!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? DON'T JUST HIT THE FRYING PAN!
GOONG
LIKE THIS!
O... OKAY ALREADY... I GET IT...
SMAK
SMAK
Wheez
Wheez
JUST GIMME A BREAK...
My sides are killin' me.

Counter-force
Force
I GET THAT.
IF I SHIFT THE IMPACT OF MY BLOW TO THE CORE OF THE FRYING PAN, IT WON'T MOVE.
HUFF
LOOK... I GET THE LOGIC... MORE OR LESS.
HUFF


I'VE TOLD YOU THIS ALREADY, BUT....
...IF YOU CAN'T NAIL THIS, YOU HAVE NO HOPE OF EVER BEING ABLE TO BEAT US.
FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS, NAGI'S BEEN PRACTICING THE REVERSE STRIKE TECHNIQUE.
AGAIN?! YOU'RE GONNA STARVE ME TO DEATH, SERIOUSLY.
AT THIS RATE, YOU'RE NOT GETTING DINNER TONIGHT.
DON'T BREAK YOUR PEA BRAIN OVER IT.

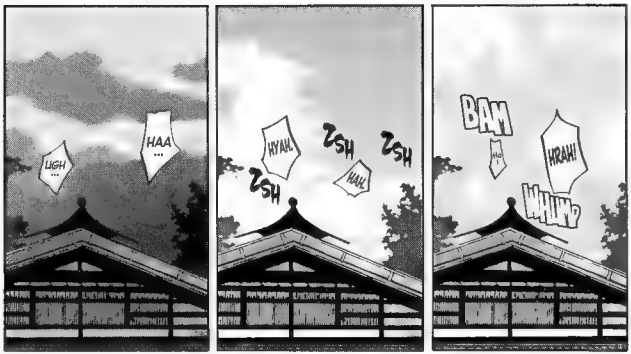

...AT THE EXPERT LEVEL, THE USER CAN FREELY CHOOSE WHERE AND HOW THE POWER OF A STRIKE WILL BE APPLIED.
IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN IN WORDS HOW ONE CAN DELIBERATELY SHIFT THE FORCE AND POINT OF IMPACT, BUT...
THE REVERSE STRIKE—OR "FAR STRIKE," AS IT'S KNOWN IN CHINA—IS A TECHNIQUE BY WHICH THE POWER OF A BLOW IS TRANSMITTED BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE OBJECT STRUCK.
HYA
X

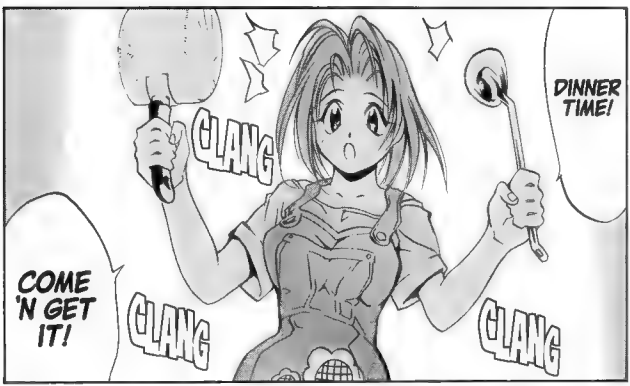
THE "FLOW," THE "QUANTITY," AND THE "QUALITY" OF POWER... THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THESE ESSENTIALS FORMS THE BASIS OF HARMONIZING YOUR KI.
WHEN IT COMES TO PHYSICAL ABILITY, YOU AND TAKAYANAGI ARE ON ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL..
WHAT YOU LACK IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THESE CONCEPTS AND THE CONCENTRATION TO MANIPULATE YOUR POWER.
HEAVEN, EARTH, PEOPLE, YIN, YANG, AND THE FIVE ELEMENTS...
"TOO STRONG A MOVEMENT GENERATES YANG, AND TOO SOFT A MOVEMENT GENERATES YIN. FORM GIVES RISE TO KI AND KI TRANSFORMS INTO SPIRIT."
ZSH
SO...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NEXT?
Huff
Huff
Huff
I RAN 20 KILOMETERS IN JUST UNDER AN HOUR AND TEN MINUTES, LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO.
THAT'D GIVE ANY MARATHON RUNNER A SHOCK.

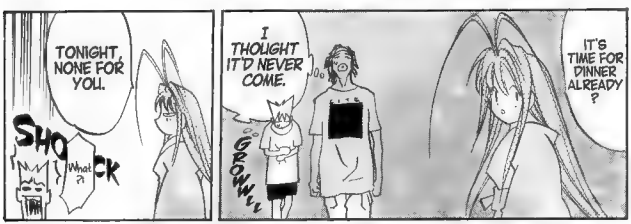
YOU'RE FORTUNATE IN THAT YOU NATURALLY POSSESS HEIGHT AND FLEXIBILITY, NOT TO MENTION GREAT PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE.
BUT YOU NEED TO FLUSH OUT ALL THE POISON FROM THE CIGARETTES YOU USED TO SMOKE. THE FIRST STEP FOR YOU IS TO RUN ENOUGH TO REPLENISH YOUR MUSCLES WITH A GENEROUS SUPPLY OF OXYGEN.
THAT ALONE WILL MAKE YOU SEVERAL TIMES STRONGER THAN YOU ARE NOW.

YOU MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO MAKE A FRESH START FROM THIS POINT.
YOU ARE BOTH ADVANCING IN SPIRIT, SKILL, AND BODY.
JUST BEAR IN MIND THAT AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS WON'T COME AGAIN!

...ARE ALREADY TRAINING THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THESE GUYS...
POP
YEP.
I HAVEN'T SEEN MAYA THIS HAPPY IN A LONG TIME.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER.
YEAH.


UGH...
HAA...
HYAH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
HAH
BAM
HRAH!
WHUP


DINNER TIME!
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
COME 'N GET IT!

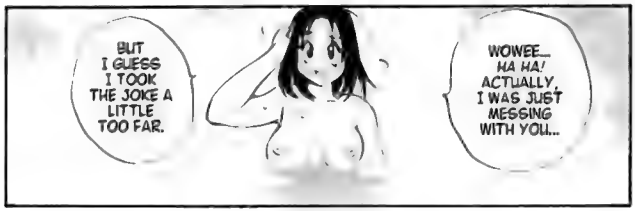

TONIGHT, NONE FOR YOU.
SHO
What?
CK
I THOUGHT IT'D NEVER COME.
GROWL
IT'S TIME FOR DINNER ALREADY?

AHHH... THIS IS THE LIFE.
NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE A SPECTACULAR HOUSE, YOU'VE ALSO GOT YOUR OWN PRIVATE OUTDOOR HOT SPRING.
I GUESS THE NATSUME FAMILY REALLY IS LOADED.
THAT'S NOT TRUE, ACTUALLY.
THE PREVIOUS GENERATIONS SQUANDERED THE FAMILY MONEY, SO ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THIS PROPERTY.
SPLISH!
WE'RE REALLY LUCKY TO HAVE YOU HERE WITH US, CHIAKI.
MY SISTER CAN'T COOK, AND I'D BE SUNK TRYING TO HANDLE IT ALL MYSELF.
AW, DON'T MENTION IT! ♡

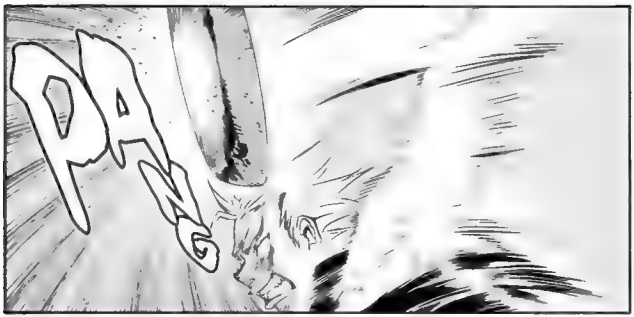
...
I ENVY YOU.
...
CHIAKI, YOU KNOW...
YOU REALLY ARE BEAUTIFUL.
!
THANKS, SWEETIE, BUT...
...COMING FROM YOU, THAT ALMOST SOUNDS LIKE A JOKE.
HUH?

CAN'T YOU HEAR IT?
AH...
YOU'RE MAKING MY HEART POUND... IN MY BREAST...
O... OH...
THAT'S HOW...
...INCREDIBLY ATTRACTIVE YOU ARE.
FLICK
AH!
NAGI JUST HASN'T NOTICED IT YET.
HE'S SO OBSESSED WITH FIGHTING THAT WHEN IT COMES TO GIRLS HE'S AS CLUELESS AS A BABY.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THE CHANCE TO SNEAK INTO HIS BED TONIGHT.
OKAY?
Let me show you how it's done.
AH...
STOP... IT...
SO YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE, AYA.
WAIT...
D-DON'T...!
AH!
I SAID THAT'S ENOUGH!
BO
OM
I'M SORRY! BUT, UM...
KER
UH...
PLAA
SH
BONK
I'M NOT... INTO THAT SORT OF THING. SORRY ABOUT THAT...


BUT I GUESS I TOOK THE JOKE A LITTLE TOO FAR.
WOWEE... HA HA! ACTUALLY, I WAS JUST MESSING WITH YOU...

CLAAANG
!!
I CAN'T GET THAT IMAGE FROM THIS MORNING OUT OF MY HEAD.
IT'S NO USE! NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY TO FORGET IT...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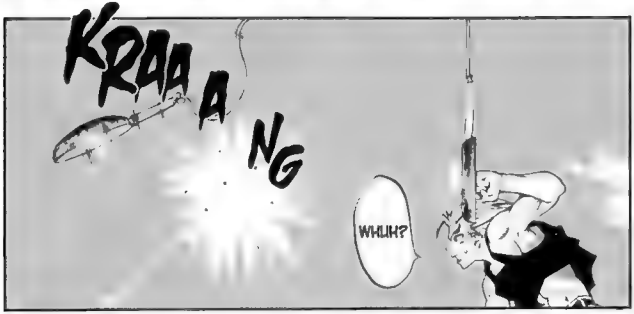
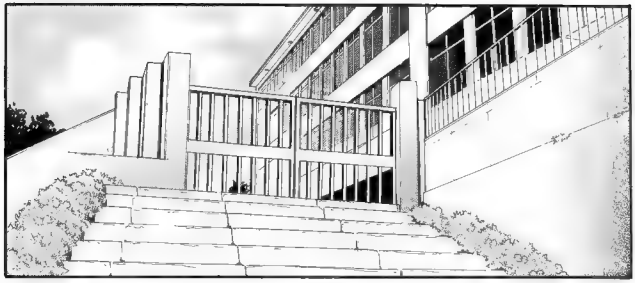

KRAA
A
NG
WHUH?

I'M SO DAMN HUNGRY.
GUUU
IT'S LIKE ALL MY ENERGY'S SUNK TO THE PIT OF MY STOMACH. THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT DID IT...
'COURSE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED. SHEEZ.
WHAT WAS THAT? IT LOOKED LIKE THE FRYING PAN BEHIND THE ONE YOU HIT MOVED.

?!
GUH...
I WAS MAKING HIM FAST SO HIS KI WOULD MOVE INTO HIS NAVEL CHAKRA, BUT...
...I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS TO HAPPEN.
GUH...
THAT FOOL DOESN'T EVEN COMPREHEND WHAT HE'S JUST ACCOMPLISHED.
HE'S ALREADY SURPASSED THE LEVEL OF A SIMPLE REVERSE STRIKE.
THAT BOY... MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES.
Okay, first I make a loose fist...
SKRCH
SKRCH
Uhhh, was that it...?
IN JUST THREE MONTHS HE'LL BE STRONGER THAN ANY OF US!
MEANWHILE, AYA...
...sneak into his bed...?
FRET
FRET

FIGHT:8



...THEY MAKE ME COME BACK FOR SOME STUPID MEETING.
Fu
u
JUST WHEN I FINALLY GET A BREAK FOR GOLDEN WEEK...
SHIT.
FSSHT

FWOOM
SO I'M NOT GONNA GO EASY ON YOU MORONS.

CHIRRUP
CHIRRUP
SSSSS
HH
HHHHHH
PHWEE

SOI-CHIRO?
HAVEN'T SEEN HIM ALL DAY.
WANT ME TO TELL YOU IF I FIND HIM?
NO, THAT'S OKAY.
I'LL LOOK FOR HIM.
WHERE COULD HE BE?

RUSTLE
!!
THAT'S MAYA'S KIMONO...

SPLISH

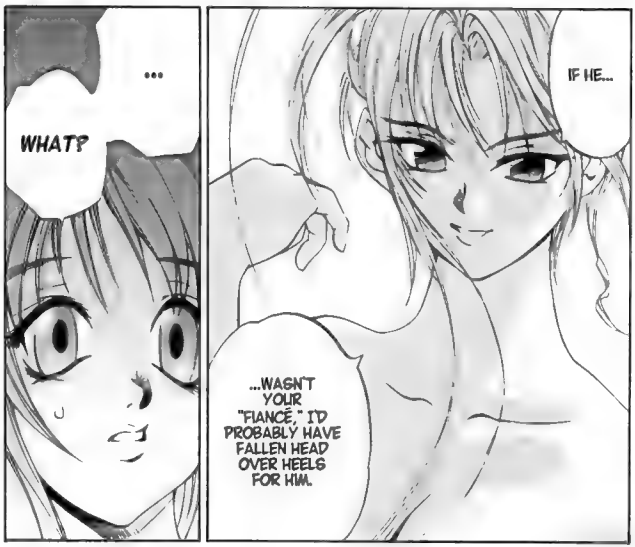
MAYA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HAAH...

I WORKED UP A SWEAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME.
WANT TO JOIN ME?
DON'T BE SILLY!
ANYONE COULD SEE YOU, SO HURRY UP AND GET OUT!
I'VE BEEN WITH THAT KID ALL NIGHT.
NOW MY BODY'S EXHAUSTED.
YOU WERE WITH SOICHIRO-SAMA?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM. WHERE IS HE?
HE'S RIGHT OVER THERE.
PASSED OUT.
CHIRP
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
SNORE

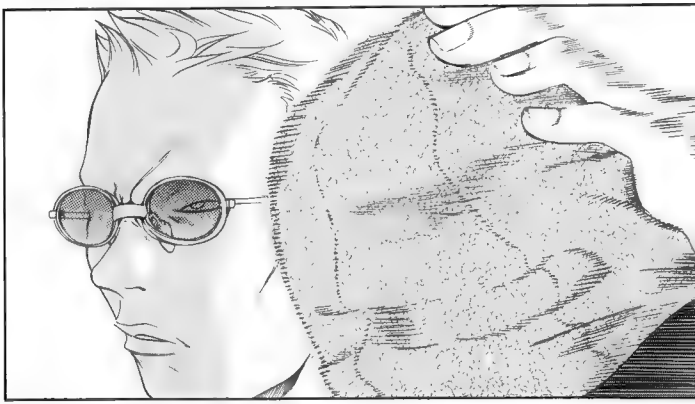
STAARE
NAKED
NAKED
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED LIKE WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
I'VE BEEN WITH THAT KID ALL NIGHT
MY BODY'S EXHAUSTED
I WORKED UP A SWEAT
SNAP
HA HA HA! SORRY, SORRY!
CALM DOWN.
SNAP
SNAP
MAYAAAAA!!

ANYWAY ...
IT MUST BE THE DRAGON EYES. OR MAYBE IT'S JUST YOUR FEMALE INTUITION.
YOU SHOULD TRUST IT.
BE PROUD OF IT.
HUH?


IF HE...
...WASN'T YOUR "FIANCÉ," I'D PROBABLY HAVE FALLEN HEAD OVER HEELS FOR HIM.
...
WHAT?

WHOOSH
MA... MAYA...
...!!
FORGIVE ME.
... JUST KIDDING.
!!

WHAT IS THIS? I THOUGHT SOICHIRO-SAMA WAS PRACTICING THE REVERSE STRIKE...
THE BOTTOMS OF THESE FRYING PANS ARE ALL BLASTED THROUGH!
AND EVEN THOUGH SHE SAID SHE WAS JOKING MAYA USUALLY WOULD NEVER SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
ROLL
NNF...
...SNUCK INTO HIS BED.
MMSPEK
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE...
WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED BETWEEN THESE TWO LAST NIGHT...?
MAN
Achoo!!



I GET NO RESPECT...
FOR SHIT'S SAKE.
TWITCH
TWITCH

KRAK
GYARGH!
Whoo!

I SEE RIGHT THROUGH THOSE MASKS. YOU'RE SASAKI AND YOSHIDA FROM CLASS B. AND YAMAMOTO FROM CLASS C.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CLOWNS THOUGHT YOU COULD PULL OFF A SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST ME.
GUHH...
UNH...
THUD
TOO BAD FOR YOU I'M NOT THE FORGIVING TYPE. SO DON'T THINK IT'S GONNA END HERE.
HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOU TO LOOK FORWARD TO: A REAL TASTE OF HELLFIRE.
THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GOING TO SEE HELL...
!!
...IS YOU, RYUZAKI.
THIS ISN'T A SURPRISE ATTACK.
IT'S "PUNISH-MENT."
SA—!!

TH
KOOOOOM
WHBAMBAMBAM
KRN

RATTLE
TWITCH
TWITCH
IN THIS SCHOOL, THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE THE PHYSICAL EMBODIMENT OF THE LAW.
TOMP
THE DEFEAT OF ONE OF US IS THE SAME AS THE DEFEAT OF THE LAW.
YOUR SINS ARE FAR DEEPER THAN YOU KNOW.
!!
IT... IT'S SAGARA!
WHA?!
FWOOM

ROOAAAARR
GEH HEH HEH...
YOU JUST SIGNED YOUR OWN DEATH WARRANT.
THERE WON'T EVEN BE ASHES OF YOU LEFT, SAGARA!

AND ANOTHER THING.
I'M NOT SAGARA RIGHT NOW.
FWAP
HAH?

...THAT YOU FORGOT THE ESSENCE OF MARTIAL ARTS AND LOST TO THAT NATSUME GIRL.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU RELY ON A TRIFLING SLEIGHT OF HAND LIKE THAT...
SNAP
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

SAGA MASK.
CRIK
WHEN I DON THIS MASK...
...I BECOME THE SCHOOL'S MOST BRUTAL EXECUTIONER.
POP
FLEX
FLEX
CRIK

FWOO
YOU'RE FUCKING DEAD!
ZW
AM
RYUZAKI, I'LL TEACH YOU...
...ONE THING YOU NEED TO LEARN.
WHOM

MARTIAL ARTS ARE EXCEED-INGLY SIMPLE.
FSSS H H H
THAP H
...I HAVE NO NEED TO USE KI.
GRRR
UNLIKE YOU AND NATSUME...
HYUU
VWRRRRL
WHOOSH
DROP
KRAK

KRAK
GRRP
WHICH GIVES ME PLENTY OF OPEN-INGS!
NO ONE, NOT EVEN THE BEST MARTIAL ARTIST IN THE WORLD...
...CAN INCREASE THE STRENGTH OF HIS JOINTS.
VWWSH
KAKAK
KACK
...THERE ARE 206 BONES IN THE HUMAN BODY.
AND...
SNAP

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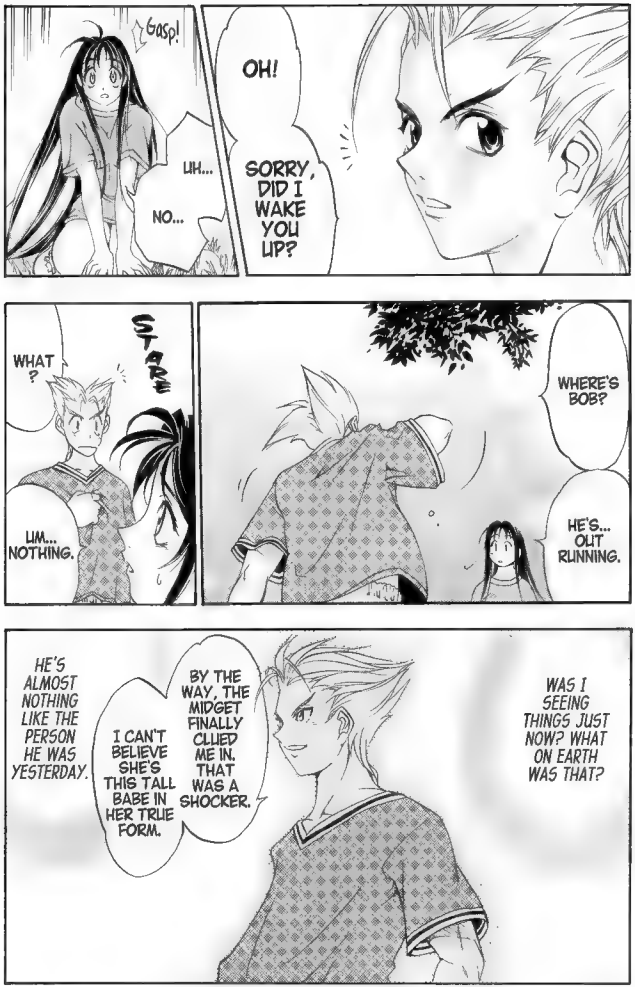
LEAVE THOSE FIRST YEARS TO ME.
GGHF
GGHF
MEANWHILE, YOU CAN COUNT THE CRACKS IN YOUR HOSPITAL ROOM CEILING.
...AREN'T YOU ALL FORGETTING SOMETHING?
SPEAKING OF...
MI-MISTER SAGA MASK, SIR...
FLIP
TWIK
TWIK
THAT WAS SO COOL...
YOU TOOK OUT RYUZAKI IN NOTHING FLAT.
GULP
UM... OH, RIGHT!
UH...
ONE, TWO THREE...
DAAAAH!!
D-DAAAH...
DAAAH.

DAAAAAH!!
I CAN'T HEAR YOUUU!
BZZ BZZ
NNH...
SHAAAA

WHAT THE...? OH YEAH, I GUESS I FELL ASLEEP OUT HERE.
Though I don't remember anything after daybreak
BUT HOW DID I END UP ON HER LAP?
CLLRRR
Whoa!
CLLRD
CLLRD
RSTLE RSTLE

SHHH
RUSTLE
HYOOOOO
SOICHI...
....OH!

RROOO AA AA R


Gasp!
UH...
NO...
OH!
SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU UP?
STARE
WHAT?
UM... NOTHING.
WHERE'S BOB?
HE'S... OUT RUNNING.
HE'S ALMOST NOTHING LIKE THE PERSON HE WAS YESTERDAY.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S THIS TALL BABE IN HER TRUE FORM.
BY THE WAY, THE MIDGET FINALLY CLUED ME IN. THAT WAS A SHOCKER.
WAS I SEEING THINGS JUST NOW? WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT?

MAN, SHE'S GOIN' EVEN THAT FAR, HUH?
SHE MUST REALLY WANT TO TAKE OUT THAT "CHAIRMAN" BASTARD.
BUT SHE'S USUALLY IN HER CHILD FORM SO SHE CAN SAVE UP HER KI.
OH...UM, YEAH. I WISH SHE WOULD ALWAYS STAY LIKE THAT.
I WANT TO ASK HIM... WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY...
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANT TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT.
...!!
SOMEHOW SHE REMINDS ME OF MYSELF.
BUT STILL...
SHE'S SMART AND SHE KNOWS A LOT. NOT LIKE ME.
I'LL ADMIT, THE MIDGET'S WICKED STRONG.

ME AND HER...
WE'VE GOT THE SAME SMELL.
SO...
SO-ICHIRO...SAMA...?
IT'S BADASS.
SHE NEVER LETS HER GUARD DOWN, NOT FOR A SECOND. SHE'S EVEN FIGHTIN' AGAINST HER OWN BODY...
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I HATE THEM BOTH.
GOTTA KEEP PRACTICING.
GOT NO TIME TO LOSE.
WELL...
THIS TRAINING CAMP. THIS IMPERFECT POWER THAT LETS ME "SEE" THINGS...

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE FACT THAT SHE'S SLOWLY, SURELY MAKING HER WAY INTO SOICHIRO-SAMA'S HEART.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT. WHAT'S THE POINT OF SEEING IT IF I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
...WOULD JUST DISAPPEAR FOR GOOD!
SOICHIRO-SAMA...
I WISH THIS USELESS POWER...

I CAN USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CRUSH THE JUKEN CLUB, OUR SWORN ENEMIES!
IF IT'S TRUE THESE TWO HAVE JOINED THE JUKEN CLUB, THEN ALL THE BETTER.
HRRM ...
LOOM
OUR TARGET IS MAYA NATSUME!
THESE WEAKLINGS ARE IRRELEVANT. "TO KILL A SNAKE, YOU HAVE TO CUT OFF ITS HEAD."
I WANNA GO HOME...
WAAH!
LOSE THE SYMBOLS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE LAW?! ARE YOU STUPID?
CAN'T WE JUST LOSE THE MASKS?
SHIT, THEY'RE COMING AFTER US!
STOP RIGHT THERE!
HEY! YOU GUYS IN THE MASKS!
WEE-OO

FIGHT:9

REQUESTING IMMEDIATE BACK-UP. YES, WE JUST LOST THEM AROUND THE OTSUKADAI AREA.
NO, THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET, BUT I CAN TELL THIS GANG IS UP TO NO GOOD. YES, SIR.
警視庁 0215
Whatever you look at it as.
WHEN I HAVE TO FIGHT, I FIGHT. WHEN I WANT TO FIGHT, I FIGHT. AS A MARTIAL ARTIST, YOU CAN NEVER BE SURE THAT TOMORROW WILL COME. [DIRECT QUOTE]
AS MY IDOL ONCE SAID...
AS THE MAN SAID!
YOU SHOULD GET A NEW IDOL.
HRRM... IT'S ALARMING HOW TENACIOUS BUREAUCRACY CAN BE.
THE SUN'S ALREADY GONE DOWN.
LIM...
WHY ARE WE EVEN DOING THIS? WHY GO TO NATSUME'S HOUSE NOW WHEN WE CAN GET HER AT SCHOOL TOMORROW?
I FEEL LIKE THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND.
YOU DARE INSULT MY MASTER?!
HM?
GRAK!
FLAIL
FLAIL

ON SIGN: NATSUME

...AND SNAP HER IN TWO WITH MY COBRA TWIST OF JUSTICE!!
TODAY IS THE DAY I WILL TAKE THAT FEARLESS, LAW-BREAKING WITCH...
MAYA NATSUME, RINGLEADER OF THE ANTI-EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FORCES!
SNAP
KRAK KRAK

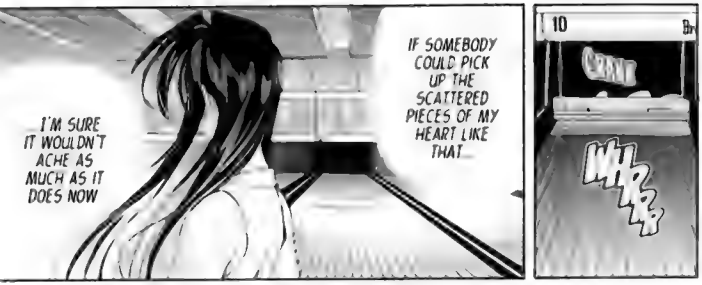
...
OMRON
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE YOUNG MISTRESS OF THE HOUSE, MAYA?
I'M SORRY, BUT SHE'S OUT WITH HER CLUB MEMBERS.
Yes.
I BELIEVE THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING BOWLING.
GUESS WE RAN AROUND FOR NOTHING!
That's what we get for bothering
Dar har har
It's not funny!
WELL DON'T THAT BEAT ALL!
IS THIS SOME KIND OF GET-TOGETHER?
SHE SAID HER NAME WAS ISUZU, I BELIEVE.
OMRON
THAT REMINDS ME. ANOTHER FRIEND OF HERS FROM SCHOOL STOPPED BY TOO.
...
DID SHE SAY... ..."ISUZU" ?
DID...

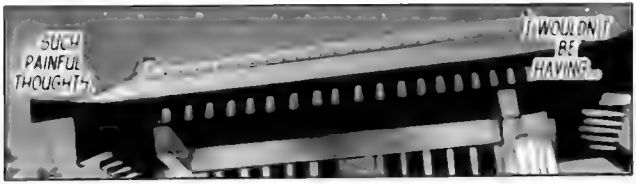
NICE ONE!
PAKOW
SLAP
HIGH FIVE!
CLAP
CLAP

...SPREAD A RIPPLE OF DISTURBANCE WITHIN ME, SENDING MY HEART INTO TURMOIL.
ONE SMALL DROP OF DOUBT...

THE CHANGE IN SOICHIRO-SAMA.
AND MY SISTER'S ODD BEHAVIOR.
A NIGHT THAT REMAINS A MYSTERY TO ME.
STILL...
WHAT'S REALLY WORRYING ME AREN'T ANY OF THOSE THINGS.
IT'S SOMETHING FAR MORE SERIOUS.

HOW DOES SOICHIRO-SAMA FEEL ABOUT ME?
HOW DOES MY SISTER FEEL ABOUT SOICHIRO-SAMA?
KA
ROW
BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, HOW DO I FEEL...
...ABOUT SOICHIRO-SAMA?


I'M SURE IT WOULDN'T ACHE AS MUCH AS IT DOES NOW
IF SOMEBODY COULD PICK UP THE SCATTERED PIECES OF MY HEART LIKE THAT...
10
CRUNT
WHRRR


SUCH PAINFUL THOUGHTS
IT WOULDN'T BE HAVING...

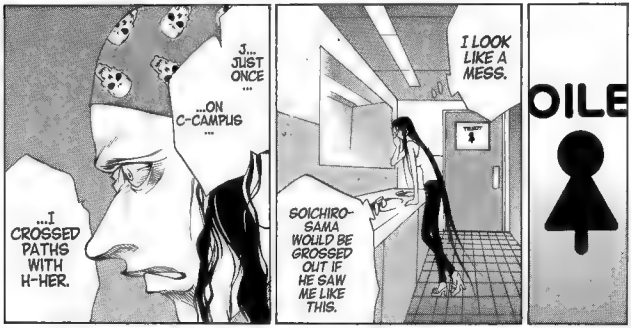
KNIFE
LOOM

WELL, I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE IF ISUZU'S ALREADY ON THE MOVE.
TAGAMI... SO YOU'RE HERE TOO.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE EXECUTIONER THIS TIME. TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT THIS.
ZSH
HRRM?
I W-WAS ONLY T-TOLD TO STAY HERE TO G-GUIDE YOU.
UH... I...
I...

TH-THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE T-TONIGHT'LL BE THE FINAL SHOWDOWN WITH THE J-JUKEN CLUB!
TH-THE CHAIRMAN'S TOGETHER ON TH-THIS...
...WITH I-ISUZU.
FINAL... SHOW-DOWN?
THE CHAIR-MAN...?
...!!
TH-THAT'S NOT IT.
I... ISU...
ISUZU SAID TH-THAT "WE MUST STRIKE WHILE THE UNKNOWN FACTORS ARE STILL...
"...W-WITHIN THE REALM OF OUR CALCULA-TIONS."
Hmph.
SO BASICALLY WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS, THEY DON'T TRUST ME TO HANDLE IT ALONE.

W-WELL, THAT'S NOT WH-WHAT ISUZU THINKS.
THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THEY'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A COUPLE OF NEWBIES.
Hmph.
SH-SHE ALSO SAID, "I-IF WE LET THOSE TWO F-FIRST-YEAR HOODLUMS DO AS THEY P-PLEASE...
"...B-BEFORE LONG THEY COULD BECOME A TH-THREAT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL."
A-ACTUAL-LY...
THERE'S ALREADY ONE M-MEMBER...
...WHO'S ON THE W-WAY TO BECOMING A THREAT.
Y...
Y-YOU HAVEN'T F-FELT IT YET?
YOU HAVEN'T F-FELT HER P-POWER?
I'LL ADMIT HE'S STRONG, BUT...
TAKA-YANAGI?
NO.
T-TAKA-YANAGI?

SSSSSHHHHH
PLIP PLIP


J... JUST ONCE ...
...ON C-CAMPUS ...
...I CROSSED PATHS WITH H-HER.
I LOOK LIKE A MESS.
SOICHIRO-SAMA WOULD BE GROSSED OUT IF HE SAW ME LIKE THIS.
OILE

IF WE LET HER D-DEVELOP IT ANY FURTHER...
...W-WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TOUCH HER!
THE POWER SHE HOLDS M-MIGHT BE THAT INVINCIBLE POWER WE'VE HEARD OF...
THE DRAGON EYES!
W-WE CAN'T LET HER DEVELOP ANY FURTHER!

LIKE BOTTOMLESS POOLS...
...THAT COULD SEE THROUGH ANYTHING. THAT COULD SWALLOW EVERYTHING INTO THEIR DEPTHS.
SO DEEP.
I'D NEVER SEEN EYES LIKE THAT BEFORE.
I...

HEY, LET'S HIT UP THE BOWLING ALLEY!
FINE WITH ME...IF THE LOSER FOOTS THE BILL. WHADDYA SAY?
YOU SURE? I'M PRETTY GOOD.
WHUH?
UHH... HEY BUDDY, COULDJA LET US THROUGH?
THE LANES ARE CLOSED FOR TODAY.
PLEASE COME AGAIN LATER.
But it's still open
Seriously? I thought this place was open 24 hours.
Mmf!
PATTL PATTL
Mmmf!

WHERE ARE THE STAIRS?
I DON'T KNOW.
EXCUSE ME! ANYONE WHO WORKS HERE? THE ELEVATORS AREN'T RUNNING.
THEY'RE ALL OUT TOO, SIR.
EVEN MY CELL PHONE'S NOT GETTING ANY RECEPTION.
And I'm on NTT
A vacation with the lunes?
THE PHONE'S DEAD? DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THIS?
WHAT ABOUT THE PAY PHONES BY THE REST-ROOMS?
CRYSBIT
THIS PLACE SURE IS EMPTY FOR IT BEING GOLDEN WEEK.
HMM...
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, I SMELL SOMETHING COOKING.
AND IT'S COMING FROM RIIIGHT OVER THERE.
RIGHT IN FRONT OF US. ♬
OVER WHERE?
THERE! ♡

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU BORED?
HUH? UH... NAH.
I'M NOT BORED, BUT... IT'S LIKE...
WHEN I'M JUST SITTING AROUND KICKIN' IT, I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE TRAININ'.
I'VE STILL GOTTA LONG WAY TO GO COMPARED TO YOU GUYS.
BUT I FEEL LIKE...
...MAYBE I'VE GOTTEN AT LEAST A LITTLE STRONGER.
"CLEAR YOUR MIND AND YOUR KI WILL INCREASE." OR SO THEY SAY.

THROB
GLOW
YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
TAKING A BREAK EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE AND NOURISHING YOUR SPIRIT IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT PART OF TRAINING.
LOOK. YOUR FISTS ARE STILL IN A LOT OF PAIN.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?!
SEE?
SEE?
Hee hee!
HEY, KEEP IT DOWN.
?!
I DUNNO...
THERE'S SOMETHIN' WEIRD GOING ON BETWEEN THOSE TWO.
I'M TRANS-FERRING KI TO HEAL YOUR FIST.
HM?
WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
YEAH, BUT...

PLIP
THMP
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS.
PLIP
THMP
PLIP
THMP
TOILET
PLIP
BATHUMP
PLIP
SINCE THIS IS ABOUT SOICHIRO-SAMA, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE IT... I HAVE TO!
SHE SAID I COULD SEE OVER GREAT DISTANCES, BUT THAT'S NOT A VERY USEFUL POWER
BATHUMP
PLIP
BATHUMP
PLIP

I WANT TO TRUST MY SISTER. I DO. BUT...
I'M SORRY, MAYA. I KNOW THIS IS SNEAKY OF ME...
IF HE...
...WASN'T YOUR FIANCÉ, I'D PROBABLY HAVE FALLEN HEAD OVER HEELS FOR HIM.
BA-THUMP
AH!
AH!!
THAT'S ALL I ASK FOR!
AH...
ALL I WANT...IS TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT.
SHOW ME!

BATHUMP
BATHUMP
BA
THUMP

BA-
THUMP
AYA? WHAT'S KEEPING YOU?
IT'S YOUR TURN TO BOWL.
AH...
AH...!
!!

SLAP
EEK!
BLIND
WAIT! AYA, WHAT'S YOUR—!
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
ARE YOU OKAY?
...
SQUEEZE

KRACK

GYA AA AA!
KPK
WHAT THE —?!
KPLLK

GOOD EVEN-ING...
MISS NATSUME. ♡
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU TWO, BUT...
...SISTERS SHOULDN'T BE FIGHTING.

I... ISUZU...? EMI ISUZU?!
WHAT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
I MESSED UP BIG TIME! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT AYA I DIDN'T EVEN PICK UP ON THIS KILLING AURA!
YOU REALLY OUGHT TO KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF YOUR OPPONENTS.
SILLY GIRL. ♡

NOW LOOK. JUST ONE MORE CENTIMETER AND YOUR ELBOW GOES "POP"! ♡
KRIK
KRIK
KRIK
HNNGH!
NOT GOOD! IF SHE'S HERE, THEN...
...WE'RE IN DEEP SHIT!
WAIT... DON'T GO...
AYA!
AYA, DON'T LEAVE!!
MEAN-WHILE, SAGA'S CREW...
D-DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO KEEP THAT M-MASK ON EVEN IN THE TAXI?
I'M KEEPING THE FAITH!

FIGHT:10

WHAT A LOVELY NOISE.
KRRRRRR
KRRRRRR
KRRRRRR
HOW LONG WOULD A FRACTURED HUMERUS AND SCAPULA TAKE TO HEAL? ABOUT SIX WEEKS?
NNGH...!
IF YOU'RE HERE, THEN THAT MEANS...
...THIS TIME YOU INTEND TO CRUSH THE JUKEN CLUB FOR REAL.
IT'S REGRETTABLE, BUT AS VICE CHAIRMAN AND HEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S FORCES...
...MY ANSWER IS: YES.
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOURSELF.
I BROUGHT OUT ALMOST ALL MY BIG GUNS JUST TO KILL YOUR PUNY LITTLE SWARM OF FLIES.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE.
EITHER YOU DISSOLVE THE JUKEN CLUB AND SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL...
...OR I SHATTER YOUR ARM RIGHT NOW.
WHEN I'M DONE WITH IT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO EVEN MOVE A FINGER AGAIN.

AHA HA!
GYA HA HA HA!
Heh heh heh...
HEH...
TWIST
SKWEFF
FINE! IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT...
...I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO MAKE YOU REGRET YOUR DECISION!
...CROIS-SANT HEAD.
IN YOUR DREAMS ...
!!
SH
OOP

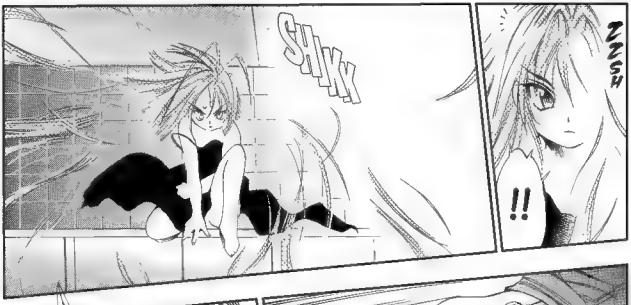
FWIP
ALLOW ME TO RETURN THE FAVOR!
DAMN IT! I FORGOT SHE CAN DO THAT!
OH SHI—

SHING

TWIST
KRAK
KRAK
GYAAH!
BKAM

!!
ZWOO
OOM
HAH!
YOU'RE A TOUGH LITTLE BITCH.
OW
TCH!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT AYA AND THE BOYS, BUT
NOW WE'RE EVEN.
LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT GETTING OUT OF HERE WITHOUT A FIGHT

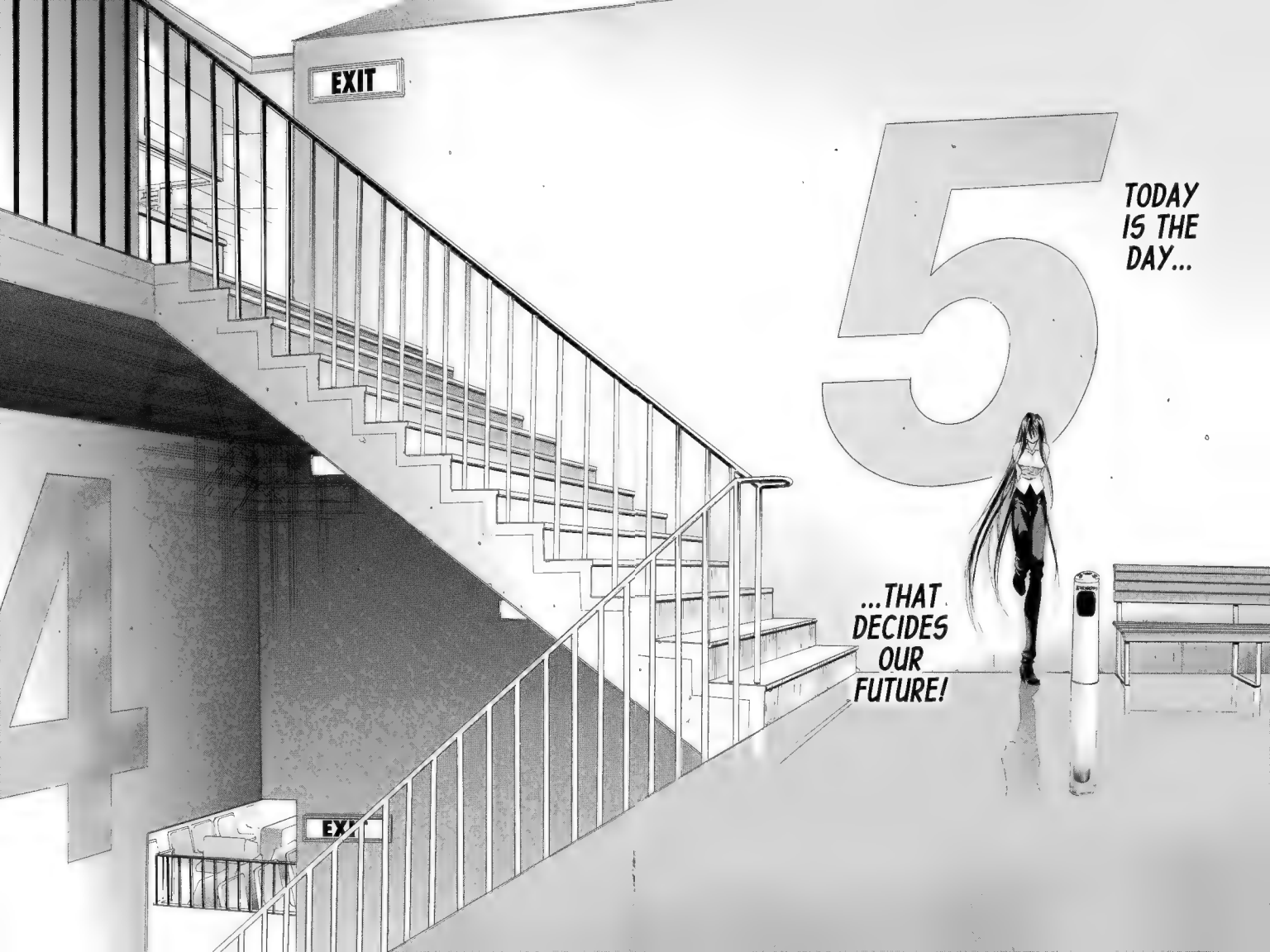
EVEN?
POP
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? MISS NATSUME...


SHKK
ZZSH
!!

KSHING
SHING

ZSH
THIRD YEAR AT TODO ACADEMY AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL...
...EMI ISUZU, THE "BLACK BLADE," HAS ARRIVED!

I KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME EVEN-TUALLY, BUT...
You stole my intro line.
...THIS IS SOONER THAN I THOUGHT.
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY FOR CUTTING MY HAIR.
WAIT 'TIL I CUT OFF THE REST OF IT.
SO YOU WANT A ONE-ON-ONE, HUH?
TODAY IS THE DAY WE SETTLE ALL OUR PAST GRIEV-ANCES.


EXIT
5
TODAY IS THE DAY...
...THAT DECIDES OUR FUTURE!
4
EXIT

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS FORMED WHEN THE OLD FEUDAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM WAS COLLAPSING AND MARTIAL ARTS WERE STARTING TO DISAPPEAR.
IT'S SAID TO HAVE EXISTED EVEN BEFORE TODO ACADEMY WAS FOUNDED, BACK WHEN IT WAS STILL CALLED "TOBU PREPARATORY."
WHAM

IF YOU COME NEAR ME RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE GONNA GET HURT!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU PEOPLE WANT?!
!!
WHOK
STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS, EXPERTS IN VARIOUS FIGHTING STYLES, WERE ASSEMBLED— SOME BY FORCE.
FOR THE SAKE OF PRESERVING ORDER IN THE SCHOOL, AN IRON-CLAD RULE WAS ESTABLISHED AND ENFORCED WITH ABSOLUTE POWER.
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL...

HOWEVER, AFTER A CENTURY HAD PASSED

DAMN, YOU SURE YOU BROUGHT ENOUGH OF YOUR CREW?
LESSEE, LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ABOUT...70 OR 80 OF YOU. KINDA OVERKILL FOR TAKIN' ON FIVE OF US, AIN'T IT?
LISTEN UP. THIS GIRL'S NOT A STUDENT AT TODO.
YOU BETTER PROMISE NOT TO TOUCH HER, GOT IT?
WELL, Y'SEE, THE VICE CHAIRMAN GAVE US AN ORDER.

...ONE INDIVIDUAL, A PRODIGY, EMERGED AND FUNDAMENTALLY DISTORTED THE NATURE OF THAT RULE...
CEKKEMETE

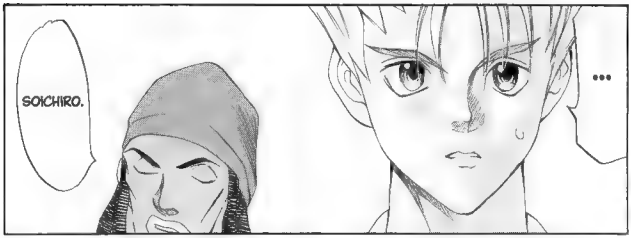
"BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY."
"DESTROY THE JUKEN CLUB."
CEKKEMETE

THWAK
WHOA THERE!
SAW THAT COMIN' A MILE AWAY, FUCKER!
!!

KWHA
M
BUH!

!!
ORRAH!
BRING IT, ASSHOLES! WE'LL KILL YA!
TO
MP

I'LL HOLD THESE GUYS OFF. YOU GO FIND THEM.
!!
NAGI! AYA AND THE CAPTAIN NEVER CAME BACK FROM THE RESTROOM.
NOW MOVE IT!
I CAN HANDLE THIS MANY ON MY OWN JUST FINE.
WAIT A SEC. YOU'RE SAYING YOU—
LIH... R-RIGHT...
BOB, PROTECT CHIAKI WITH YOUR LIFE.
WATCH FOR AN OPENING AND THEN GET HER OUT OF HERE.
SO LET ME SHOW OFF A LITTLE, FIRST YEAR.
HONESTLY, I WANT TO GO MYSELF, BUT I'M GIVING THE SWEET JOB TO YOU.


SOICHIRO.
...

I KNOW YOU. YOU'RE DUMB AS A BRICK BUT YOU'RE STILL A STAND-UP GUY.
LATELY THOUGH, YOU AIN'T BEEN YOURSELF. YOU'VE BEEN... I DUNNO...
...FUCKIN' LAME.

CHIAKI MEANS THE WORLD TO ME.
I CAN'T FORGIVE RYUZAKI AND THE COUNCIL FOR HURTING HER.
AND TAKAYANGI'S DOING THIS FOR AYA AND THE MIDGET. OR ACTUALLY... PROBABLY JUST AYA.
HE'S SACRIFICING HIMSELF FOR HER.

GO AND FIGURE THIS OUT FOR YOURSELF.
FIGURE OUT WHY YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT THESE GUYS.

WHY DO YOU...
WHO DO I...
...WANT TO BE STRONG?
...I WANT TO BE STRONG FOR?

Fu—u
THANKS, SENPAI!
NAGI, GO!
GOOM
BOO
HAH!
M
YOU BETTER LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE TO PROTECT THOSE TWO.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THEM... I'LL CRUSH YOU MYSELF.
KEEP THAT IN MIND!
THEY'LL HAVE A TOUGH TIME WHEN THEY'RE OUT-NUMBERED.
Hey, no cheat-ing!
That's not fair!
KRWBL
KRWBL
NAGI!
NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEY MAY BE, AYA AND THE CAPTAIN STILL LACK STAMINA.

I WON'T FORGET, SENPAI.
SURE THING.
YOU POOR FOOLS ARE IN FOR SOME BAD LUCK.
NOW THEN.
ZSH
THERE'S NOT NEARLY ENOUGH OF YOU.
IF YOU WANT TO DEFEAT ME, YOU BETTER BRING ANOTHER 100!

VWR
KR
RRR
HUU
HUU
NGH...
DBAM
FWP
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
BAM
VWRR
HMM... D-DID I OVER-ESTIMATE H-HER?

DA SH
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
WHEN I WAS A KID I WANTED TO BE STRONG.
I WANTED TO GET STRONGER AND STRONGER...
BUT WHY...?
!
WHY DID I...
...WANT TO GET STRONG SO BAD?

TO GO FURTHER...
...YOU NEED TO PAY THE TOLL.

I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHIN' I FORGOT UNTIL NOW.
IF I DON'T GO AFTER IT RIGHT NOW, THERE'S GONNA BE TROUBLE.

MOVE IT, FAT ASS.
OR YOU'RE DEAD MEAT!

FIGHT:11

THOUGH MY PRO-WRESTLING CLUB IS AFFILIATED WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, IT'S STILL ITS OWN ENTITY.
HOW VERY DISPLEASING.
THIS WHOLE SITUATION IS RATHER INSULTING.
SNAP

AFTER FINALLY BEING DESIGNATED AS AN EXECUTIONER IN MY THIRD YEAR...
...IT SHAMES ME THAT ALL I DO IS WAIT FOR WEAKLINGS LIKE YOU TO FALL INTO MY NET!
FLEX
IT'S A SAD SITUATION. DON'T YOU AGREE?

HRRGK!
BK
AAM
DUMBASS!
YEAH, IT'S SAD...
IT'S SAD THE WAY YOU'RE RUNNIN' YOUR FUCKIN' MOUTH!

GHRF!
SPLT
SPLT
SPLT
GOTTO
RRAAH!
THWAK
NNGF!

I DON'T HAVE A SECOND TO WASTE ON A PIECE OF SHIT LIKE YOU!
HGGK...
SPLUT
HHK!
SPLUT
KRAK
The weak one here...
...is you!!

YOU'RE ALL DEAD
DIE
GET OUT
NOTICE
Move Out Now! This is a warning!
GONNA KILL YA!

NOTICE
To the residents of this unit, the Magabarai family. Leave immediately. Remove your possessions
Magabara
Leave
Soichiro, There's a salad in the fridge for you. Mom

CLACK
CLACK
SLURP
TINK
TINK
TINK
WHSSH
WHSSH
WHSSH
WHRR
WHRR
WHRR
SNIFF
SNIFF

THRAK-THRAK-THRAK-TH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
KRAAH!!

TH-THIS'LL BE A CINCH. THERE'S NO S-SIGN OF THAT PRESSURE I FELT BEFORE!
I D-DON'T KNOW IF S-SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER, BUT THIS GIRL'S N-NOTHING MORE THAN AN AVERAGE MARTIAL ARTIST.
THRAK
AK
KAK
VWOO
I CAN'T GET ANY SPACE!
HAHH
HAHH
HIS REACH WITH THAT STAFF IS LONGER THAN I EXPECTED.
ZA
M

...
HMPH!

N-NOW I GET IT.
I...I WAS W-WONDERING WHY YOU WERE SEEKING H-HIGHER GROUND.
TAP

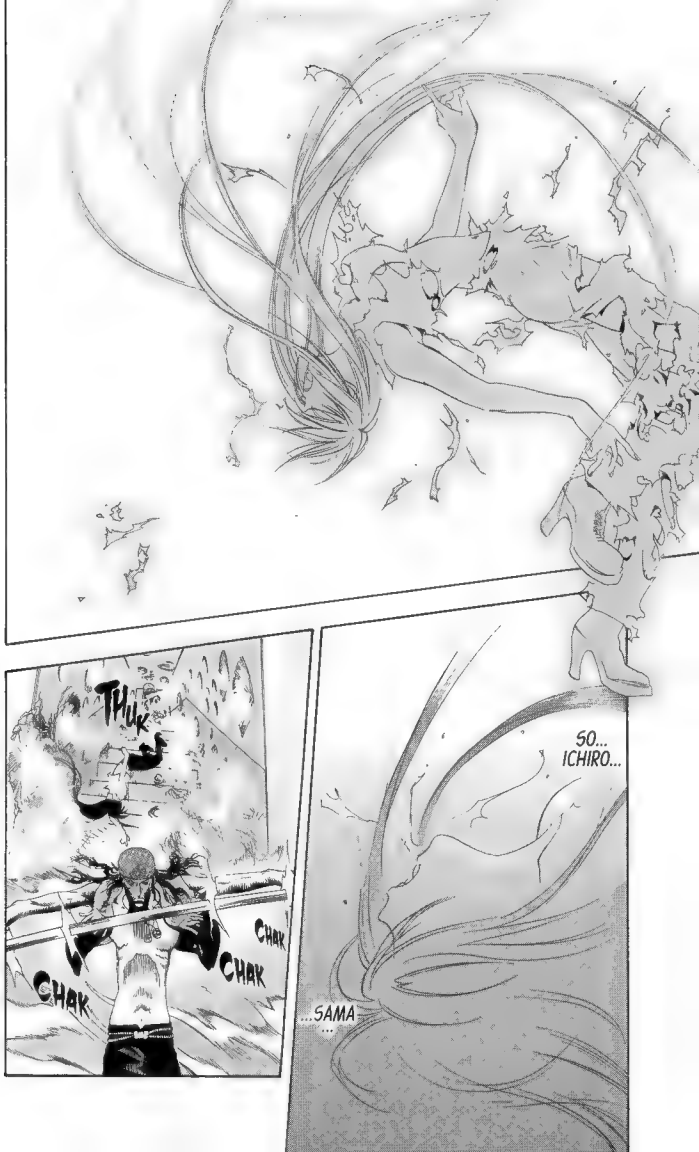
HERE, HIS ONLY MEANS OF ATTACK IS A STRAIGHT THRUST.
...A NARROW SPACE LIKE THIS REMOVES THAT DANGER.
THE REAL DANGER OF THE STAFF IS ITS EVER-SHIFTING RANGE OF ATTACK.
BUT...

HAHH
HAHH
BUMP
HAHH

FU——U
I KNOW I CAN DODGE HIS FIRST STRIKE. THE PROBLEM IS WHAT COMES NEXT.
EITHER I CLOSE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US FIRST, OR...
HMM
...HE LAUNCHES HIS SECOND ATTACK BEFORE I CAN REACH HIM.
THE REAL FIGHT STARTS NOW!

!!
I...I SHOULD BE C-COMMENDING YOU...
...EXCEPT FOR THE O-ONE MAJOR MISCALCULATION YOU M-MADE.
TH-THIS IS A RATHER INCON-VENIENT STATE Y-YOU'VE PUT ME IN. N-NOW THE FIGHT IS EVEN.
...ISN'T A STAFF!
CHACK
KYAICH
THIS ...
...YOUR OWN GRAVE !!
Y-YOU JUST DUG...
VWWR
RRR

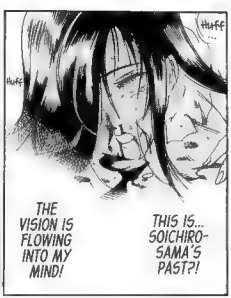
BAM
BAM
BABAM
BAM
!!
BKAM
Tagami Style Holy Vision
Yang in Yin, First Form: Release


THUK
CHAK
CHAK
CHAK
SO...
ICHIRO...
...SAMA
...

The Magabara Clan...
We are a cursed family, loathed by demons and humans alike.
In order to destroy demons, we become demons.
TWITCH
...summon evil spirits and draw them into their own bodies.

AND, WHEN YOUR KI IS IN DISORDER, YOU CANNOT USE YOUR POWER PROPERLY.
HATRED AND RESENTMENT DISRUPT YOUR KI.
BUT, SOICHIRO...
YOU MUST NOT RESENT THIS FATE.

SO STRONG THAT...
I HATE THIS... I'M GOING TO GET STRONGER... LOTS STRONGER!
...I'LL KILL THE GUYS WHO DID THIS TO YOU!


Huff...
Huff
THE VISION IS FLOWING INTO MY MIND!
THIS IS... SOICHIRO-SAMA'S PAST?!

SOICHIRO... WHEN YOU BECOME STRONG FOR THE PURPOSE OF HURTING OTHERS...
...IT IS NO DIFFERENT THAN MAKING YOUR OPPONENTS STRONGER SO THAT THEY CAN HURT YOU.

TRUE STRENGTH LIES IN PROTECTING SOMETHING...
...AND NOT BEING AFRAID OF GETTING HURT FOR IT.
WE HAVE ENDURED GREAT SUFFERING IN ORDER TO PROTECT MANY LIVES.
...TO BE OF THE NAGI FAMILY.
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD...

...WHEN YOU COME TO UNDER-STAND THE TRUE MEANING OF THESE WORDS...
BUT, ONE DAY...
...CALLING FOR ME!
SHE'S...
SO, ICHIRO ...
YOU MAY NOT UNDER-STAND THAT NOW.
ZA AM
...BUT A DRAGON!
...YOU WILL FIND THAT WHAT RESIDES WITHIN YOU IS NOT A DEMON....

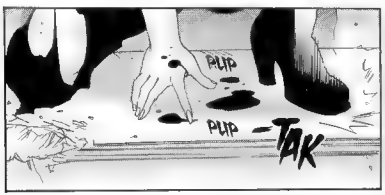
RR RRRROOAARR
AM I... HALLUCINATING?
WH-WHAT IS THAT?
SSSHHH
GO BACK TO SLEEP. I TOLD YOU BEFORE.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU.
WELL, WELL, WELL.
IT SEEMS I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU.
...
HORK
TONG
RRR?

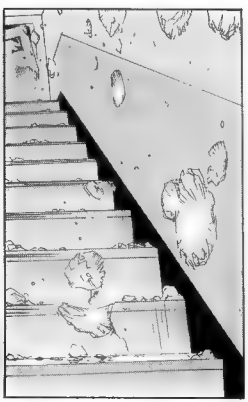
WHRRK
DGOOOM

...!!
GUAH!
THAT WAS PAYBACK FOR YOUR SURPRISE ATTACK EARLIER.
LOOM
HNGH!
GUH!
GET UP.
THE GREAT SAGA MASK WILL NOW FIGHT YOU, NO HOLDS BARRED.
HOW'S THAT?
Umm.

--!!
ZAA
NEXT...
THUMP
...IT'S YOUR TURN TO SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT.
OH FOR FUCK'S SAKE...
HOW MANY TIMES DO I GOTTA SAY IT?
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO MESS AROUND, YA DUMB MEAT-HEAD.

BUT... I GUESS I AIN'T GOT A CHOICE.
HEH HEH.
SO I'LL PLAY ALONG FOR ONE MORE PUNCH. ♡
GRRRRRR


PUP
PUP
TAK



HM...?
...!!

IT'S ALWAYS JUST ME...
IT'S NOT FAIR...
...
...AS I DO ABOUT HIM...
IF SOICHIRO-SAMA KNEW AS MUCH ABOUT ME...
HMM...
CHAK
STEP DOWN. THIS FIGHT IS OVER.
CONTINUE AND YOU'LL SUFFER MORE THAN JUST SUPERFICIAL INJURIES.

SSHF
SORRY, BUT...
I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE SLEEPING ON THE JOB. AFTER ALL...
ZZZMMM
...I'M HIS WIFE. ♡

FIGHT:12

KLAK

KLAK
TWITCH

AAAH
KLAK
BUMP
HHN...
SHIK

KA
TH
OK
PASH
TCH!
!!
KI-
YAA!!

Ha!
SN
NKT

GTHOK
ZWSSH
TOK ZIP ZIP ZIP ZIP ZIP ZIP
NGH...
WHOA!

KA
BAM

WHSSH

VWIP

SHIVR
TMP

BOOM
Natsume Style Thunder-bolt Tech-nique #8
Mount Tai Ava-lanche
BKOOM

THUD
WHAP
SNAP
KRMBL
KRMBL
KRMBL
SNAP
PHEW ...
WHUMP
MAYBE ...
...I OVER-DID IT A LITTLE?
FWOOOOOOSH
TWITCH
TWITCH

SINCE THE BOYS HAVE TAKAYANAGI WITH THEM, THEY'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW.
THE PROBLEM IS AYA.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT IDIOT, JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS LIKE THAT.
TOK
TOK
SPLASSSH
HUFF!
HAHH ...
HUFF!
PUSH
PUSH
PUSH
TH-THIS FIGHT... ISN'T OVER YET.
YOU'RE NOT GOING... ANY-WHERE...
IT'S ONLY... JUST BEGUN...

HHNG...!
SWAY
SWAY
TRMBL
TRMBL
GHH...
THWACK
WSSH
AGGH!
FWAM
HA!!
GYAAH!
GIVE IT UP ALREADY.
I'M NOT ABOUT TO HOLD BACK AGAINST YOU.
HOW-EVER...
YOUR DETERMINA-TION TO WIN IS WORTHY OF RESPECT.

WHEEZE...
HUFF!
HUFF!
HAHF!
BUHH!
SN
IK
WHEE!
WHEE!
THE PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HATED THE JUKEN CLUB. BUT THIS IS WHY THEY COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!!
I SEE WHY EVERYONE FEARS MAYA NATSUME!
NOW, THAT I'VE EXCHANGED BLOWS WITH HER
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUH?
...SHE IS THE ONLY PERSON I CAN'T LOSE TO!!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...
I CAN'T LET MYSELF BE DEFEATED HERE.
EVEN SO...

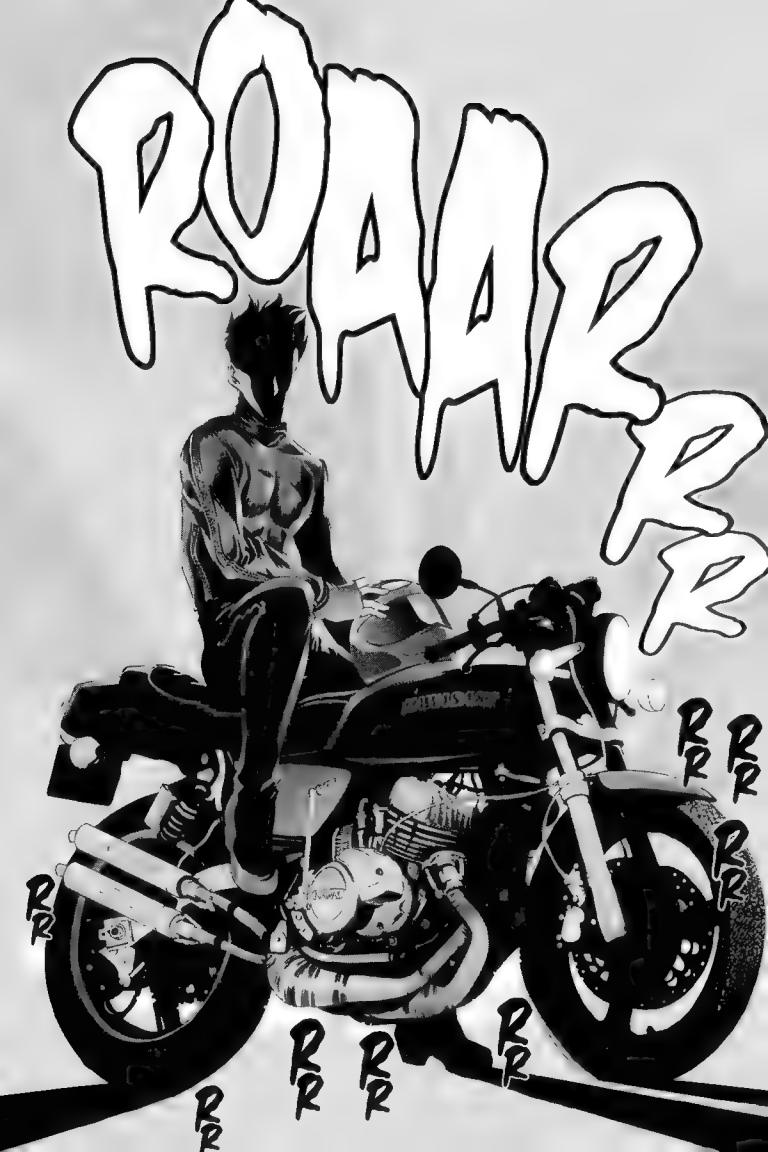
UNFORTUNATELY, IT LOOKS LIKE I UNDERESTIMATED HER.
...
I DIDN'T THINK THIS THROUGH ENOUGH. I ASSUMED I COULD WIN WITH MY WEAPONS AND STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE.
SO SHE STILL HAS... FOUR KNIVES LEFT ON HER? SHE'S PROBABLY ALREADY THROWN A GOOD 20 AT ME.
...
SHF
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY, YOU CAN'T BEAT ME.
THE ONLY THING IN MY LIFE THAT MATTERS IS MY POSITION AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL!
BUT STILL I WILL WIN!

...IS MY ENTIRE EXIST-ENCE!!
THE JOY OF SERVING AT THE SIDE OF THAT MAN...
SO HOW COULD YOU UNDERSTAND ME?!
WHEN YOU WERE FIRST PROMISED THIS POSITION, YOU FLED WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING BACK.

FLIP

THREE...
FOUR...

...THEN...
ISUZU'S ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE, THE SHADOW BLADE! IF I DEFEAT THIS...
THERE IT IS! THE FIFTH ONE!
Ha ha!


ROAARRR
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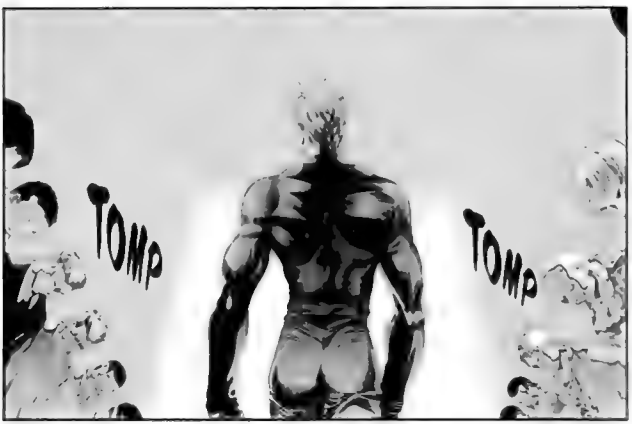
SKFF

TOMP


TOMP
TOMP

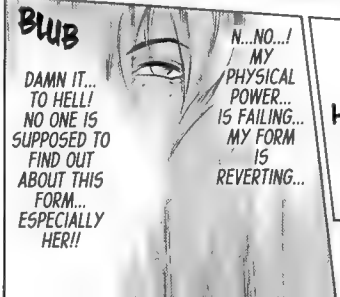
ZHM

I CAN'T LOSE, NO MATTER WHAT!
TIII
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME.
ING
I'M THEIR LEADER!
I HAVE TO HELP THEM! I CAN'T LET...
...THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CRUSH THEM!!

THE WEIGHT OF THE RESPONSI-BILITY I BEAR...
...IS FAR GREATER THAN YOURS!!

Natsume Style Thunder-bolt Tech-nique #8
Linking Heavenly Iron Blossom Strike!!
GUAH
RIP
RRRIP
THIS IS THE END !!
WSSH

BLUB


BLUB
DAMN IT... TO HELL! NO ONE IS SUPPOSED TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS FORM... ESPECIALLY HER!!
N...NO...! MY PHYSICAL POWER... IS FAILING... MY FORM IS REVERTING...

HUH?!
...

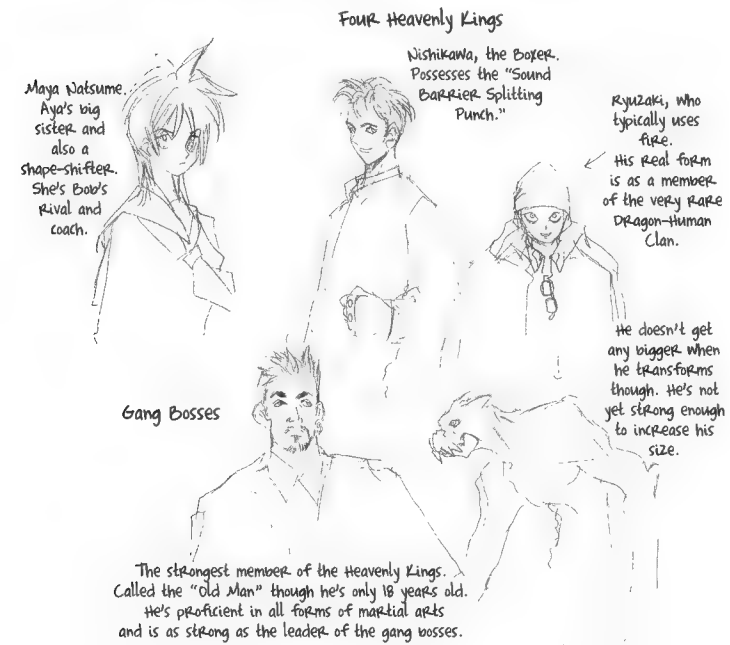
ACK!
I WAS WONDERING WHERE SHE WAS HIDING ALL THOSE WEAPONS!
I'VE HEARD OF THIS! A BODY MANIPULATION TECHNIQUE THAT USES KI TO FOLD FAT WITHIN THE BODY!
WHA...?
BLBUB
DOOOM

SHOCK
...ESCAPE!!
GK YA GH!
I...I CAN'T...

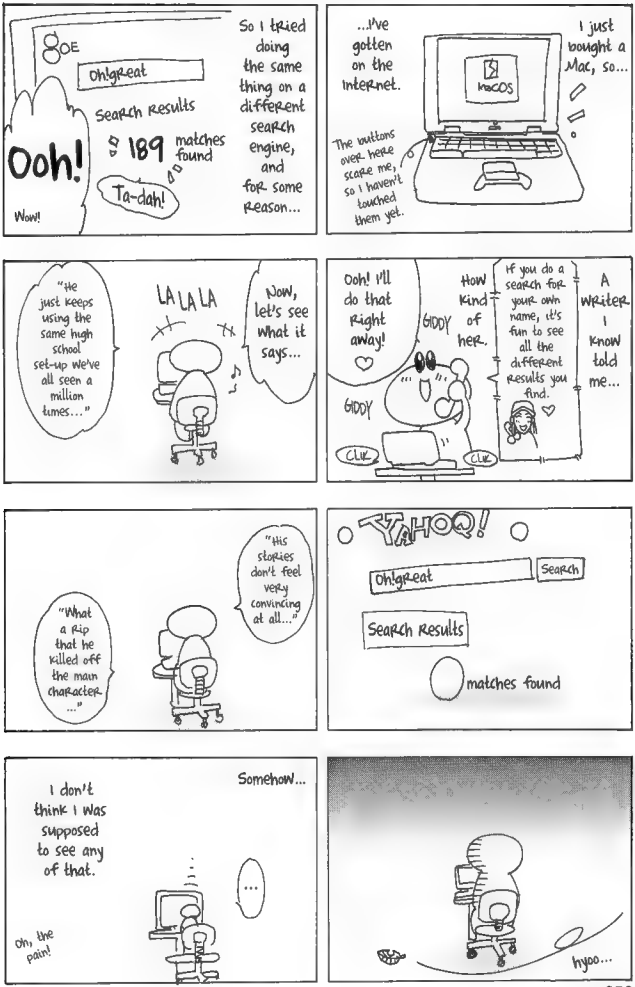
Afterword

Initial Concepts Part II

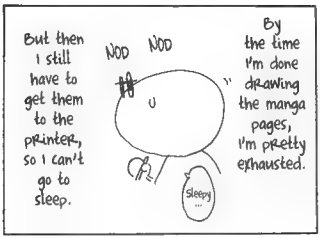
Besides Maya, there was also the "Sound Barrier Splitting Punch." "The Dragon- Human Clan." and "The Old Man." I had a group called the "Four Heavenly Kings" and another group made up of high-school gang bosses (bada-boom!). Man. I really was incredible two years ago! Or so I thought. I don't think I've actually changed much. As you can tell by what I said above. Maya was originally an enemy character. Would you believe I completely forgot about that? But then Ryuzaki fused with Nishikawa to give us what we've seen so far. And the Old Man should be making his grand entrance pretty soon. I hope he at least makes it by Volume 3.


Four Heavenly Kings
Maya Natsume. Aya's big sister and also a shape-shifter. She's Bob's rival and coach.
Nishikawa, the Boxer. Possesses the "Sound Barrier Splitting Punch."
Ryuzaki, who typically uses fire. His real form is as a member of the very rare Dragon-Human Clan.
He doesn't get any bigger when he transforms though. He's not yet strong enough to increase his size.
Gang Bosses
The strongest member of the Heavenly Kings. Called the "Old Man" though he's only 18 years old. He's proficient in all forms of martial arts and is as strong as the leader of the gang bosses.

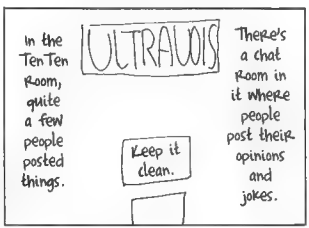
"I'm Online?!"


BOE
Oh!great
Search Results
189 matches found
Ooh!
Ta-dah!
Wow!
So I tried doing the same thing on a different search engine, and for some reason...
...I've gotten on the Internet.
I just bought a Mac, so...
macOS
The buttons over here scare me, so I haven't touched them yet.
"He just keeps using the same high school set-up we've all seen a million times..."
LA LA LA
Wow, let's see what it says...
Ooh! I'll do that right away!
How kind of her.
GIDDY
GIDDY
If you do a search for your own name, it's fun to see all the different results you find.
A writer I know told me...
CLIK
CLIK
"What a rip that he killed off the main character..."
"His stories don't feel very convincing at all..."
YAHOO!
Oh!great
Search
Search Results
matches found
I don't think I was supposed to see any of that.
Somehow...
...
Oh, the pain!
hyoo...

Gure-kichi's Bonus Manga:


But then I still have to get them to the printer, so I can't go to sleep.
NOD NOD
Sleepy...
By the time I'm done drawing the manga pages, I'm pretty exhausted.

If I include the books I've done with other publishers, this is my sixth book and my first "Volume 2."
Tenjo Tenge
Tenjo Tenge
It just hit me that Ten Ten's already at two volumes.


In the TenTen Room, quite a few people posted things.
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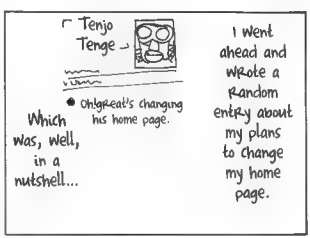
Keep it clean.
There's a chat room in it where people post their opinions and jokes.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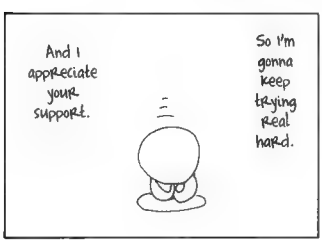
Oh!Great's changing his home page.
Which was, well, in a nutshell...
I went ahead and wrote a random entry about my plans to change my home page.



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It's been a little while since I've stopped riding my motorcycle. "For someone who makes a living thanks to the use of one of his arms, motorcycle riding is too dangerous of a thing to be doing."

Or at least that's what my editor kept preaching at me. But now I feel like I'm missing something important and am pretty down in the dumps.

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Soichiro, Bob, and the rest of the Juken Club are split up and attacked one-on-one by the strongest members of the Executive Council. A round of face-crushing battle begins, with the opponents on both sides driven by very personal reasons for the fight. Things seem to be swinging the Juken Club's way...until the last player arrives on the scene: Mitsuomi Takayanagi, the monstrously powerful chairman of the Executive Council. In the aftermath of the battle Maya Natsume, head of the Juken Club, is forced to drop out of school, leaving the other members to wonder about the fate of the club—and about the strange bond between Mitsuomi and Maya.

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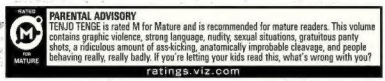
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